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The Miracle of Israel

The past year has been a happy one for the people of Israel. For several months they have celebrated the tenth anniversary of the founding of their virile little state, and their joy is understandable. Whatever view one takes toward the Arab-Jewish dispute in the Middle East he cannot but be impressed with the amazing accomplishments of the new nation in these ten short years.

It was on May 14, 1948, that Israel made its Declaration of Independence. Born amid the smoke of battle, the nation has struggled through one fiery test after another, always emerging in triumph. It has welcomed 915,000 immigrants to its shores. It has planted flourishing new communities in seemingly impossible places, and has seen the barren desert begin to "blossom as the rose."

An age-old Jewish dream has been fulfilled. Skeptics used to scoff at the idea that Palestine would ever again become a national home for the sons of Jacob. In his *La Bible Enfin Expliquée* Voltaire made the gibe: "Who could believe that that little barren country would ever again be occupied as a homeland by Israel?" but today it is an accomplished fact. In ten years Israel has developed a flourishing economy which has achieved a 500 per cent increase in exports, despite the Arab-imposed boycott. Its population now numbers 1,990,000 in an area roughly the size of New Jersey.

"What of it?" some will say. "Israel is just a political scheme concocted by materialistic Jews. Where does God enter into the situation?" They might as well ask where God entered into the story of Esther. That is one Book of the Bible where the name of God is not even mentioned, yet who would deny that He was controlling the political situation in Persia in order to preserve His people and fulfill His purposes?

God's hand works where it is not seen. He has surely brought these throngs of Jews from the lands whither He scattered them, and He has provided them a sanctuary in the land He promised to their forefathers. Amid all the strife He is "standing in the shadows keeping watch above His own." They are still His covenant people. God has chastised them but He has not cast them away (Romans 11:1). They have stumbled but they have not fallen (v. 11). Their spiritual blindness is only one phase in God's great plan of the ages. After "the fulness of the Gentiles be come in," their eyes shall be opened and "Israel shall be saved" (v. 26). God looks down the corridor of time to that day when their hearts shall be smitten, their sins shall be cleansed, and He deals with the nation accordingly. We must look beyond the passions of men in this struggle for the Holy Land and see the restoration of Israel as a fulfillment of His great plan. It is one of the greatest "signs of the times" signalling the nearness of the second coming of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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JESUS and the SINNER

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IN LUKE 15:1 WE READ OF JESUS, "Then drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him." It is interesting to note that these "sinners" never "drew near" to hear the scribes or the Pharisees. Quite the contrary, they seem to have avoided any contact with them. Both Jesus on the one hand and the scribes and Pharisees on the other represented the religion of the day. Both were interpreting God's Word to mankind. Yet the sinners showed an intense desire to hear the one and a strong aversion to hearing the other.

The reason is obvious when we read the entire story. Note verse two. "When the scribes and Pharisees saw the sinners drawing near to Jesus 'they murmured.'" They complained. The mere presence of these sinners was sufficient grounds for them to speak reproachfully of Jesus. It is clear they despised, looked down on this section of the society of the day.

On the other hand, it is just as clear that Jesus loved the sinners. It is impossible to hide such love. The expression in the eye, the tone of the voice, the whole attitude of one possessed with such love tends to give away his feelings. Such an emotion is not hidden for long.

It is also impossible to hide the sort of scorn that characterized the attitude of those scribes and Pharisees—the expression of the eye, the tone of the voice reflect those feelings too.

The sinners were aware of these things. The results were natural. They were attracted to the love. They were repelled by the scorn. Everyone reacts the same way. I do. So do you. I think this sums up the reason why we "church people" do not attract the sinner to the gospel we preach. We seldom manifest the love Jesus showed for them. We are too often like the Pharisees and too seldom like our Master.

Jesus hated sin. He hated it in all its forms. But He clearly differentiated between the sinner and his sin. Jesus hated the sin; but He loved the sinner. In this He was truly the "Great Physician."

May I remind all who hear me that sin is a disease. There is none worse. It is the one disease that will drive a man to his grave and then take him on past the grave to a devil's hell. No other disease except sin can do that.

How the world needs "physicians" who hate such sin-sickness enough to fight it in all its forms, but who at the same time love its victim enough to spend hours of loving labor for his salvation.

Who among us would applaud a doctor who scathingly rebuked a cancer victim upon discovery of the cancer? Who would admire the physician who denounced a tubercular for falling into the snare of the infectious germ that generated tuberculosis? But many of us have scathingly rebuked and denounced the victim of sin. We have done so with the fervency of a zealot. I cringe on recalling some of the sermons I have preached that manifested that sort of an overtone. Like other preachers I failed to distinguish between the sinner and his sin. In hating

the sin we unwittingly were offensive to sin's victim.

Right here it is important to my point to remind you that Jesus never rebuked what we normally call a "sinner." He rebuked sin in all its forms. He rebuked hardness of heart and unbelief wherever He found it. He did severely rebuke the hypocrite. But all such rebukes were directed at professing religious leaders. He never spoke in such a manner to the "sinner." For Jesus understood the sinner's problem. He knew sin's power. To Jesus the sinner was not only sick and in need of a physician; he was also *blind* and in need of a guide.

I am not really qualified to talk about sickness or sick people, but I am qualified to talk about blindness and blind people. I am the father of a blind son. I have had him for fourteen years. I have watched the struggle as he has fought to establish himself in a world geared for people with vision. I have seen him wrestle with the temptation to self pity. I have watched and tried to help as he struggled to convince himself that he could live a normal life. I have watched as he tried to decide what a normal life was like. I have lived a dozen lives and died a dozen deaths in the process.

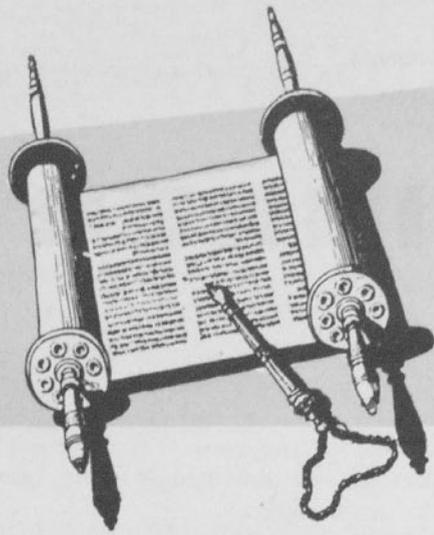
The Bible says that if our gospel be hid it is hid to them that are lost, in whom the god of this world hath "BLINDED THE MINDS OF THEM WHICH BELIEVE NOT." When I realized the truth that a sinner was blind I could more easily understand his actions. The sinner *IS* blind. He doesn't see the ugliness of what he does. He cannot see the danger that lies ahead of his sinning.

He is blind to his difficulties. He doesn't see the danger. He doesn't see the beauty of *holiness unto the Lord*. He doesn't see the wonders of what

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Nelson Hinman



Israel's 10th ANNIVERSARY

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IN ONE OF THE MANY ADVERTISING folders published in connection with the celebration of the Tenth Anniversary of the nation of Israel, President Izhak Ben-Zvi makes the following statement:

"The year April 1958 to May 1959 (5718 to 5719 in the Jewish calendar) will be a year of national celebration in Israel, marking the completion of the first decade of Israel's restored independence. I invite all our friends to visit us in Israel during our tenth year of independence. Let all witness with their own eyes the reality envisioned by the Psalmist: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes."

Every unbiased person will have to admit that the establishment of the state of Israel and its continued existence is a modern-day miracle. In April 1949 a missionary wrote from Jerusalem, "We hear the oft repeated word, *miracle*. Few are the exceptions. I have talked to no one who does not say that it was really a miracle that the Jews of Jerusalem were saved. They had only two small tanks, yet with them and smaller guns they stopped a well-equipped Arab army. The great majority seem to believe that only God saved them."

BIBLE PROPHECIES FULFILLED

Many in various walks of life are looking in wonder at the progress of the nation of Israel. The *American Weekly* (November 1957) had a leading article on Israel titled, "Bible Prophecies Are Coming True." The author quoted from Isaiah 43:1-2, 5-6, "Thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. . . . Fear not: for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west; I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth."

In the past ten years about 1,300,000 Jews have returned to Israel from 60 nations, speaking 74 languages. This brings the total number of Jews in

Palestine to nearly two million. There are also over 200,000 Arabs living peaceably and prosperously in the nation of Israel.

It is an amazing thing that the 650,000 Jews who were already in Palestine ten years ago have been able to absorb twice their number and settle them on the land. This has been done by setting up over 300 kibbutz camps (community farm settlements) and bringing arid and uncultivated land into fruition. (On the basis of this, it appears to me that with proper planning and effort the leaders of 40 million Arabs could resettle the one million Arab refugees and ease the current tension in the Middle East.)

When we visited Israel in 1955, we were impressed with the concern and consideration the Jews had for each other and their efforts for the welfare of the newcomers. Their sufferings have surely drawn them close to each other.

We are aware of the desperate effort of Satan during World War II when he destroyed about one third of the world's Jewish population. In 1955 the nation of Israel planted six million trees in their memory. (Over 50 million trees have now been planted and the goal is to plant 230 million. Surely this is a fulfillment of Isaiah 41:19-20: "I will plant in the wilderness the cedar, the shittah tree, and the myrtle, and the oil tree; I will set in the desert the fir tree, and the pine, and the box tree together: that they may see, and know, and consider, and under-



A Torah scroll from the Diaspora is conveyed from Lod Airport to Jerusalem by Dr. S. Z. Cahane, Director of the Ministry of Religious Affairs.

stand together, that the hand of the Lord hath done this, and the Holy One of Israel hath created it.”)

Yet in spite of the effort to destroy Israel, when the war ended the nation of Israel was born. Colonel Bruce McDaniel who was the first director of the U. S. Mission to Israel stated in a lecture that “the very person (Hitler) who planned to exterminate the Jews, was probably the very one who caused the nation of Israel to arise. The nation of Israel had to come to pass. It was only a matter of timing.”

GROWING INTEREST IN SCRIPTURES

Dvara Elon who was born in Palestine and has lived under three governments in the land (Turkish, English, and now Israel) was with the Israel Embassy in Washington D. C. in 1956. She stated, “We go with an open Bible, the Book of books, and look for minerals. We have now located Solomon’s mines. . . . Come to Israel and see the world, for we have people from sixty countries. Israel is not a melting pot. It is a pressure cooker.”

We are aware that many of the Jews have returned to Israel in unbelief. The return of these people has been more of a national move than a spiritual move. I am not disturbed by the lack of spirituality among them. This seems to be what Romans 11:25-26 teaches, “Blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob.”

Even though there is much unbelief, I am impressed with the growing interest in the Bible among them. Various references are made to Scripture prophecies in their Tenth Anniversary folders. The Tenth Anniversary year will include the celebration of the Feast of Purim (Book of Esther) on March 23. The year of celebration will end with the Seder (Passover) which will be observed all over Israel.

INSPIRED BY “MESSIANIC VISION”

One of the advertising folders states, “From all the lands of the dispersion Jews flock to Israel, inspired by a Messianic vision and driven by cruel need. Oriental tribesmen and modern westerners labor side by side. Ancient traditions merge with twentieth century advances to weld a new people, reborn on its ancient soil.”

In 1897 Theodore Herzl said, “To-

day I have founded the Jewish State. Today many would laugh at these words, but in five years more—certainly 50 years—everyone will understand this.” Amazingly enough the nation of Israel was brought into existence 51 years later (May, 1948).

One page of the folder tells of the agriculture of the land, quoting from Isaiah 35:1, “And the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.” In 1956 Israel exported \$50,000,000 worth of citrus fruits, and its total exports reached \$102,000,000. This seems to fulfill Isaiah 27:6, “He shall cause them that come to Jacob to take root: Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit.”

The page on industry and science quotes Deuteronomy 8:9, “A land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass.” It continues, “Israel is a small land with few natural resources. Her chief asset is the spirit of her citizens and their energy, scientific and technical skill, vision and enterprise. These have created the most highly industrialized country in the Middle East, a reservoir of technological and scientific progress.”

One folder entitled “Holy Land,” states, “Why not pay a visit and trace with your own feet the ‘Steps of the Master,’ and the saints of the Scriptures. . . . Jerusalem the City of Peace, the City of David and of the Temple, the City where Jesus died on the Cross and where He arose from death, is the center of spiritual devotion and the symbol of the heavenly and everlasting ‘City of God.’”

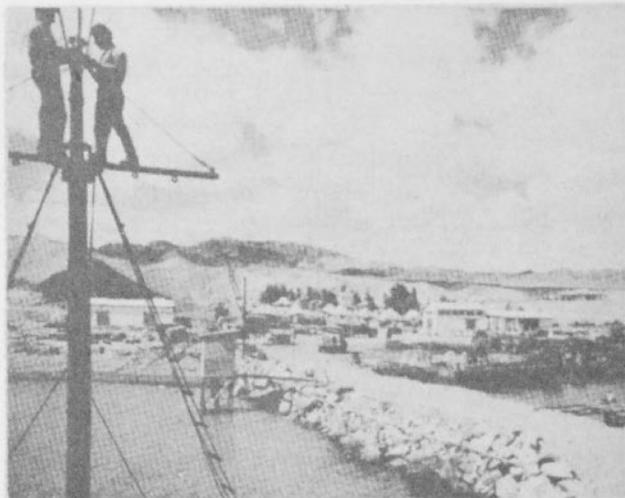
HEBREW LANGUAGE REVIVED

The folder on “Rebirth of a Nation” states, “We are the people of Israel. In defense of their faith, our ancestors lost their state—our faith in the future has now brought it back to life. After centuries of darkness we have come back to the land of our forefathers to take, once again, our fate into our own hands. Thousands are seeking shelter. We were 50,000 some 40 years ago. Ten years ago we were 600,000. We are 2,000,000 now. Israel’s population has trebled, and thousands more come in every month. The gates of Israel are open to them and shall remain open. Hebrew, for centuries dormant except as a language of prayer, has now become the language of everyday. For the first time in centuries,

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THERE IS THAT IN THE FELLOWSHIP OF JESUS CHRIST WHICH BRINGS OUT THE BEST, OR THE WORST, IN A PERSON



Judas' Bag

by OBIE L. HARRUP

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NO PERSON IN SACRED OR PROFANE history ever had a better opportunity to follow Christ and do service in His kingdom than Judas Iscariot. This man who was chosen for intimate fellowship and consecrated service to Jesus Christ could have gone down in history as an example for others to follow, instead of representing all that is mean and debased. When we think of a traitor to all that is good and right, not even a Benedict Arnold can stand beside Judas.

It was not always so with Judas Iscariot. He was one of the Lord's earliest followers. His future was a promising one. He had qualities of leadership and spiritual potentialities which could have made him one of the leaders in the Early Church. Jesus Christ chose Judas Iscariot not to become a traitor and a scoundrel, but to be a disciple and an apostle. He chose Judas not because of his lack of those qualities needed to become a leader, but because he possessed them and only needed to consecrate them fully to Jesus Christ to be developed and utilized in His kingdom. His could have been a full and fruitful and efficient Christian life, but Judas failed and became a castaway and traitor. His life was recorded for our warning that we may search our own hearts by the light which it sheds upon our lives.

While the Word of God is filled with promises of victory and the New Testament sounds the clarion message of God's power to deliver His people and to bring them into a life of holiness and conformity to His will; yet there is also a note of warning, a call to watchfulness and prayerfulness, and an exhortation to walk humbly and softly and sensitively with God. It is ever necessary to exalt the truth

that God is able to keep us from falling; for fellowship with our Lord means strengthening of all the moral and spiritual fiber of our make-up, thereby enabling us to resist temptation and to avoid sin and to conquer. If any of us fail, it is because we fail to consecrate our lives to be lived in harmony with the eternal purposes of God, by which alone God's promises materialize in our lives.

An ancient philosopher cried, "O man, know thyself." Apart from Jesus Christ no man can really know himself. It takes the light of eternity shining into our corrupt and fallen natures to reveal the depth to which we have fallen. Until we see something of our great need Christ can do little for us. Unfortunately, when Judas began to see himself, instead of coming to Christ and confessing his need, acknowledging that only Christ could help him, he refused to recognize the thing in his nature that eventually caused his downfall.

Many of us are deficient in spiritual force and practically worthless in the service of the Kingdom of God because of unheeded self-discovery in regard to our own lives. This was the reason Judas failed Jesus Christ. He had been drawn to Christ by the Gospel and inspired by Christ's call to fellowship, but he entirely mistook and perverted the Lord's message of grace in his life. It is possible for one to go such length even after becoming a partaker of His divine grace.

As we read the Gospels we see that Christ was constantly trying to make Judas understand what manner of man he was. There is that in the fellowship of Christ which brings out the best that is in a man. There is also that in His fellowship which reveals the worst that is in a man. Christ

tried continually to create in Judas a self-knowledge which would have been the forerunner of victory, blessedness, and usefulness. Judas either ignored, mistook, or resisted Christ's ministry. Again and again in Judas' presence Christ spoke about His betrayal, to Judas that there was something within him which was not loyal to Christ, something within him which was not true, which did not respond to His call to the cross and world service.

The thing that brought out the unyielded element in Judas was the bag which he carried for the apostolic group. Covetousness was his besetting sin. The bag he carried became the testing ground. Who gave Judas the bag? Jesus Christ Himself. It was not only as a trust but as a test of his character. Christ gave Judas the bag to force a moral issue upon him, to force him to a choice between the lower and the higher, between self and the claims of the Kingdom. The bag he carried could have proven a blessing to Judas and others if he had allowed it to work something into his character and life. On the other hand, because he allowed what the bag represented to possess and grip his life it was the beginning of that which eventually put all possible distance in time and eternity between him and his Lord. Judas did not heed the warning of his own conscience and hence his fall.

This is what Christ is constantly doing in our lives. Again and again we come to the point of what we call surrender and consecration. We come into the presence of Jesus Christ the Son of God and make vows of loyalty to Him. He has responded by coming into our fellowship and has begun to teach us about ourselves. He has given to us the "bag" best suited to test our own lives. It may be a duty that is irksome. But whatever it is, He so arranges our environment and responsibility as to teach us how much we need Him; to make us know that unsupported we cannot stand; to impress upon us the need of clinging closely to Him lest like Judas we fail and fall. Our "bag" may be some weakness of nature, a friend, business, or a thousand other things. Each Christian has a bag of trust, a proving ground for the soul.

As we read about his life in the Scriptures we see that the beginnings of Judas' evil were very trifling, altogether too insignificant to be identified with his awful end. Not even the dis-

ciples realized that the bag which he held would be his testing ground. God does not reveal to others the thing which He allows to test us; but *we* know. It may seem a small thing but it becomes an important thing in determining our relationship with our Lord for time and eternity. There is latent, in the most trifling neglect of anything He shows us, the power to put an eternity of distance between our souls and our Lord, between us and His purpose of holiness and of fruitful, sanctified service. Judas did not learn this, and that is the danger for many of us. Yet God has shown to us the wrong tempers and dispositions and the bias toward things unclean, unholy, unrighteous. Christ has shined into our lives with sudden flashes or with steady light revealing to us impure, unholy, and unworthy motives, ambitions, jealousies, and the like. Our safety lies in fleeing to Him who has revealed us to ourselves in that very moment of self-discovery. When we discover our need, however trifling it may seem, we should flee to Him for deliverance and help. Like us, Judas was ignorant of the danger of trifling with secret sin, which begins with a compromise of conscience, progresses to a deterioration of vision which alienates our hearts from our Lord, and which will ultimately end with a complete destruction of our powers of resistance. Thus it may be written of our lives, as it was written of the life of Judas, "Satan entered into him."

But it need not be so with us. God's Word has pointed out the dangers and pitfalls of the pilgrim way. We may learn by observing the failures of others that there is "none that doeth good, no, not one." Only as our lives are yielded to Jesus Christ and He is able to work out His eternal purposes in us are we safe from the powers of the world, the flesh, and the devil. The Holy Spirit has come to reveal our need of utter dependence on Jesus Christ. Without Him we can do nothing aright.

Everyone has his testing ground. It is given us by Jesus Christ. It will be the medium by which we will make either a right or a wrong choice. God grant that each of us shall make the right choices under each trial. As we see our need may we cry out to Him to help us. Then instead of ending our course in defeat we will end it in joy. ◀◀



Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

Are the kingdom of heaven and the Church two different things?

I would say yes, if by the kingdom of heaven you mean the millennial kingdom or if you are speaking of the Church as the saved body of Christ in distinction from church organization only. In the parables of Matthew 13 Jesus set forth that in the kingdom of heaven, or church organization, there would be tares as well as wheat, bad fish as well as good, and that errors would be taught as well as truth. It is not enough to belong to a church—"Ye must be born again." In the present age the kingdom of heaven is the sphere of Christian profession.

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How can overcomers be made pillars in the temple of God (Revelation 3:12), when the Bible says, "And I saw no temple therein" (Revelation 21:22)?

I think you have taken Revelation 3:12 too literally. The Church is spoken of as a temple, as are also individual believers (1 Corinthians 3:16, 17). Of this temple our Lord Jesus is the foundation (1 Corinthians 3:11). Like pillars, the overcomers shall be supports, means of permanent stability, pillars on which the temple may rest its weight. In Galatians 2:9 the apostle speaks of James, Peter, and John as pillars, since they were strong supports of the Church.

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If I quote, "All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution" (2 Timothy 3:12), the answer I get is, "Then had the churches rest" (Acts 9:31). I am told we have now passed the time of persecution for us. Will you please explain?

After the early persecutions of the churches in Judea it is true, "Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea." When divine workings and manifestations are new and vigorous, they arouse opposition. After a time the persecutions subside, and often this is because the spirituality of the churches has also subsided.

Where we are no longer suffering persecution we should be thankful and

make the most of our opportunities for God. We need, however, to examine ourselves. Do we still have the convicting power against sin that we formerly had? Carnal man likes a religion that does not condemn his carnal ways, while the religion of our Lord Jesus, in its spirit of separation and surrender, sets the carnal man at variance. If we are too happy in the thought that we are accepted by formal religion I am afraid we lack the clear-cut separation from the world which the Lord desires.

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A minister whose conduct was such that the church asked for his resignation refused to resign, quoting the Bible verse, "Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm" (1 Chronicles 16:22). Did the church do wrong in asking for the minister's resignation?

First Chronicles 16 and Psalm 105 show God's protective care for Abraham, heir to the Abrahamic covenant. Wherever he went, the Lord protected him. We ought to honor those over us in the Lord, but when a man has lost the confidence of his congregation to the point where they request his resignation, it seems that the least he could do would be to submit to their request.

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What did Jesus mean when He said, "Call no man your father upon the earth"?

One writer says that the term *Rabbi* had come into extensive use and that the next highest officer in the Sanhedrin was spoken of as *Father*. Instead of seeking titles, the disciples ought to see that there are no low and no high positions in Christ. "All ye are brethren." While there must be recognized positions in the Church, such as elders and deacons, all should "serve one another" in the spirit of love.

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If you have a spiritual problem or any question about the Bible, you are invited to write to "Your Questions," *The Pentecostal Evangel*, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Missouri. Brother Williams will answer either in this column or by a personal letter (if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope).

The Life of Christians in Satellite Countries

BY NICHOLAS NIKOLOFF

PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN TRULY DEMOCRATIC countries have a rather foggy conception of what goes on in totalitarian countries such as Soviet Russia and its satellites. The following information should help our readers to appreciate more their liberty and privileges, as well as inspire them to pray fervently for their less fortunate brethren behind the Iron Curtain.

A friend of mine, a minister of the gospel, who managed to escape from one of the Eastern European satellite countries, wrote me of his tragic experiences and his miraculous escape. In reply I asked him for some information regarding various phases of life in his homeland. The following lines are only a small part of his reply.

SATELLITES BECOMING RUSSIAN PROVINCES

My friend wrote: "My fatherland is rapidly becoming a Russian province. To reach their goal the Russians are using various means—political, economic, and cultural. The Communist authorities are doing everything possible to impress our people that because of Russian help we are free and alive. Concretely, no one knows what the Russian 'help' is, and no one dares ask questions because the entire land represents a gigantic concentration camp in which are found many smaller camps of slave labor.

"Economically our country must follow the policy of the Soviet Union which is being enforced, and must obe-

diently discharge its responsibility regarding the five-year plans.

"Culturally the Russian language and literature are compulsory even in the grade schools. Everything Russian is 'wonderful;' everything else is 'mediocre.' Special compulsory courses for the study of Russian are being arranged for our countrymen through mass organizations such as the Union of Communist Youth. This is the only youth organization in our country, richly subsidized by the State, whose main purpose is to permit no manifestation of free thought among the young people. An independent student who does not belong to this organization must suffer humiliation. A high-school graduate who does not have a recommendation from this Communist Youth organization cannot enter institutions of higher learning.

"Prominent Russian propagandists visit the land. Practically all scholarships given to prominent young people in the fields of art and science are offered by the government of the Soviet Union. Those who are fortunate enough to complete their education in Soviet Russia have a secure future. In order to obtain a scholarship one must prove in advance that he loves and fights for this land of socialism more than for his own fatherland. In this fashion the Communists obtain loyal agents for Russia.

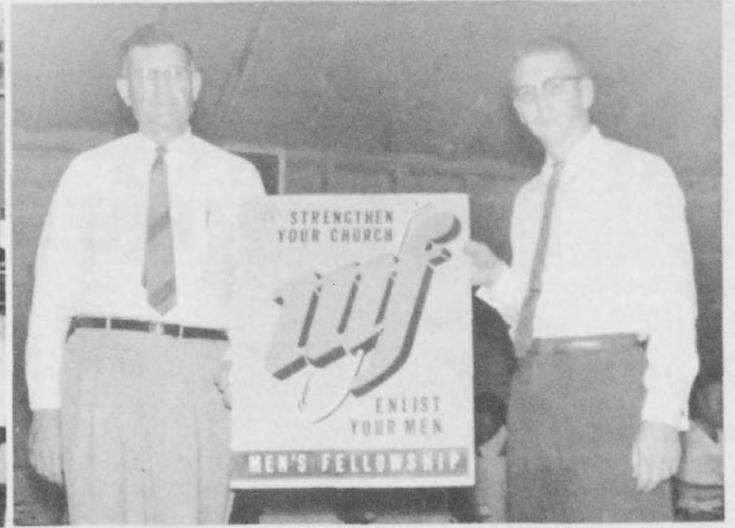
"Russian books and newspapers are priced considerably below those in the native language of our land. No one dares to object to this Russianizing effort. One must always speak in superlatives when he talks about Soviet Russia—the Soviet army is the mightiest, the Soviet science is the most advanced, the Soviet literature is the most progressive, and, of course, the Soviet economy is the richest. This mental pressure is being forced upon our people who have absolutely no opportunity to evaluate that which is forced upon them since they dare not criticize."

RELIGION BEING STAMPED OUT

The war against religion has been carried out through court cases against ministers (based on trumped-up charges), persecution, mass propaganda of materialistic philosophy which is opposing Christianity. It has been waged by means of laws prohibiting the churches to educate children and young people under eighteen years of age, and through underhanded activities. There are no Christian youth organizations,



Evangelical believers behind the Iron Curtain assembled for worship



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP DAY OBSERVED AT NEBRASKA CAMP MEETING

Approximately 90 men were in attendance at the First Men's Fellowship Day at the Nebraska Camp Meeting on Wednesday, August 13. The meeting was under the direction of C. A. Sailors, the district MF director. A 20-voice male chorus, led by District C. A. President Roscoe Leach, sang "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Two laymen of the Assemblies of God gave testimonies as to how God had blessed their business activities and spiritual

lives. They were Darold Conner, insurance salesman from Lexington, and Brother Nelson, head maintenance man at the Hastings Ammunition Depot.

District Superintendent L. W. Dickinson brought a stirring message entitled, "Daniel—the Forgotten Man."

A Men's Fellowship camp project was presented. The men agreed to furnish ten picnic tables and a number of park benches for the campgrounds.

no Sunday Schools, no religious literature.

Sunday and Christian holidays are being gradually eliminated through the "shift" policy. For example, some people have Monday for a holiday, others have Tuesday, etc. The various enterprises follow this policy in order to prevent religious celebrations by the Christians. Many who are employed by the government avoid attending religious services because in their personal "work files" it would be noted by superiors that they are not "progressive," that is, they do not accept the materialistic philosophy and therefore are reactionaries.

BELIEVERS UNDER FEAR

A young woman who was converted under my ministry while I was in Europe and who later married a Western European recently visited her home town in Eastern Europe. She wrote me after she returned to her husband. Here are some excerpts from her letters:

"There is no true liberty there, neither for the believers nor for the unbelievers. I did not attend church services because some of the believers felt that my visits might bring harm to the church. However, I managed to see many brothers and sisters privately. . . . All believers feel they must be very cautious, because the government seeks

to discover small mistakes in order to accuse them. When I was there a brother was beaten up because he preached the gospel."

My correspondent proceeded to tell me of the plight of the imprisoned ministers and their families, also to warn me against any intervention on their behalf from outside for it would be harmful for them.

Before returning to her home in Western Europe this sister spent one day in the capital city where she was not too well known, and attended the morning service of our church there. She said the place was overcrowded with many people standing throughout the service. She met the pastor's wife; both he and his wife are former students of mine. She spoke of the recent imprisonment of her husband and the great suffering through which they had gone. Even now, she stated, her husband was living under constant fear that he might be arrested again. This conversation was held very quietly in one corner of the building. The Christians know that there are spies among them and for this reason they are very cautious. Practically everyone talks in whispers.

UNDER TRIBULATION SHADOWS

One of the finest lady workers in Eastern Europe, who was also a student of mine in Danzig, wrote me some time

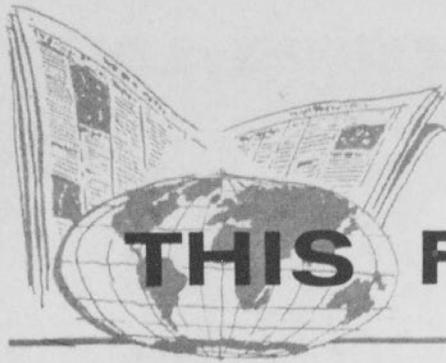
ago of the persecution and suffering of the saints. Although she had been taught in the past that the rapture of the Church would take place before the Great Tribulation begins to run its course, under the pressure of severe persecution she wrote in English on the margin of her long letter, "I believe we are going through the Great Tribulation."

Let us pray fervently and constantly for the suffering members of the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:26) that God may give them faith, courage, and boldness, so that they may remain His true witnesses to the very end. ◀◀

The other day I flew over the Okefenokee Swamp. We were down low and I could see an ugly green film over the water. It looked dirty and unclean—a breeding place for health-destroying creatures. At one time the water in that swamp was sweet and pure, coming from clear springs high in the mountains. But in that low place it had stopped, and having stopped it had stagnated.

So in life. If you stop when you hit low places, your life begins to stagnate. Sometimes tears blind our eyes and we can't see the way ahead, but we must keep going.

—Charles L. Allen in *ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE THROUGH PRAYER* (Fleming H. Revell Company)



THIS PRESENT WORLD

Radio

CHURCH OF GOD LAUNCHES RADIO PROGRAM

A nationwide radio broadcast was launched November 1 by the Church of God which has its headquarters at Cleveland, Tennessee. Entitled "Forward in Faith," the weekly broadcasts are taped and feature the preaching of Pastor Earl P. Paulk, Jr. of Atlanta, Georgia.

MINISTER SENDS SERMONS TO HAM RADIO OPERATORS

An Episcopal minister in Jersey City, N. J., beams a nightly gospel message to at least 200 amateur radio operators.

Albert E. Martin, pastor of St. Matthew's Episcopal church and a ham radio operator himself for twelve years, begins his broadcasts with "God calls on CQ."

Mr. Martin says concerning this work, "God is calling to the hearts of all men, but the trouble with many of us is that we shut Him off like a radio receiver."

Schools

SCHOOL BOARD REGULATES CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE

A policy statement governing Christmas observance in the public schools of Valley Stream, New York, was adopted by the board of education in an attempt to prevent recurrence of a controversy which flared last year over a school play depicting the birth of Christ.

Declaring that the Christmas holiday "may not be used to introduce into the public schools the teaching of religious tenets," the statement names certain songs, plays and Christmas stories that may be used in classes. Its objective, the board said, is to "facilitate celebration in a manner that gives satisfaction to those who wish to observe Christmas, without intruding on the religious freedom of others."

Last year the board called off a school play on the birth of Christ on

the ground that it was "clearly religious in nature and not permissible in a public school." This action set off claims of "discrimination against Christians" by many citizens; so this year the board will try to take a middle-of-the-road position.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOLSTER CHURCH BUDGETS

Five churches were pressed into emergency service at Princeton, Illinois to accommodate public school pupils as the new term opened.

The school board rented rooms in the churches where classes will be held every weekday until a \$1,000,000 school expansion program is completed

NATIVITY SCENE DEFENDED BY SCHOOL BOARD

A court decision is pending at White Plains, New York, over the legality of displaying a Nativity scene on public property. A manger scene installed at the Ossining Junior-Senior High School during the past two Christmas seasons was criticized by non-Christians who asked the court to ban it. The board of education defended the display on

the grounds that it mainly depicts an historical event and therefore is not a violation of the Constitutional rights of the complainants.

State Supreme Court Justice Elbert T. Gallagher reserved decision. He indicated his decision would be forthcoming in plenty of time for Christmas decoration activities.

Finance

FREEDOM OF WORSHIP INCLUDES FREEDOM TO SOLICIT FUNDS, JUDGE RULES

The right of religious groups to solicit funds was upheld by a municipal judge in San Diego, California. A city ordinance in that city, requiring religious organizations to obtain permission from the Director of Social Welfare before soliciting funds, was ruled unconstitutional.

A Los Angeles woman who had been arrested for soliciting funds for a charity which she founded was freed by the judge who held that the right of religious groups to solicit funds is inseparable from their freedom to worship.

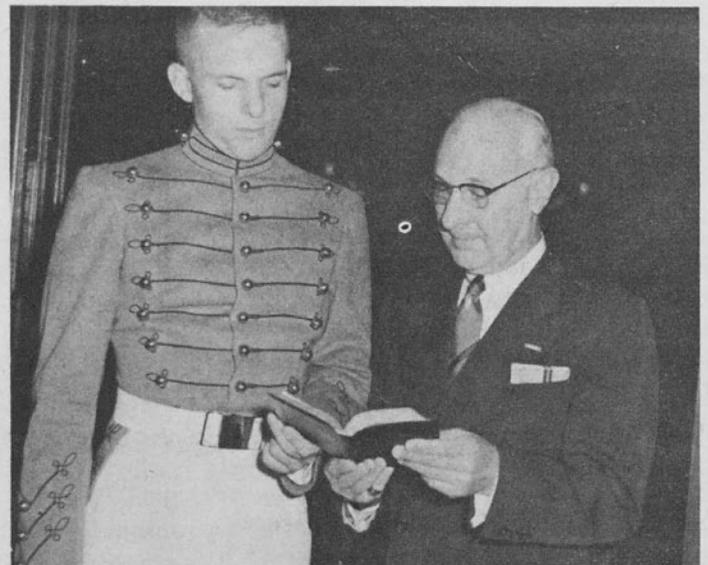
WEST POINT CADETS RECEIVE BIBLES

The photo shows Henry G. Perry, Executive Secretary of the American Tract Society, presenting a copy of a specially-bound Bible to incoming Cadet Alan M. Biddison at the U. S. Military Academy, West Point, N. Y.

On September 14, 1958, these Bibles were presented to 544 Cadets. Each Cadet received a Bible with his own name inscribed in gold on the cover.

Chaplain George M. Bean presided at the presentation ceremony and Dr. Frank E. Gaebelein, President of the American Tract Society, preached the sermon. He said: "The Bible speaks to our deepest need. And it does not speak abstractly, but in direct, personal terms. The Word of God is living and powerful, because it is the essential source of our knowledge of the Lord of life."

In view of the important role which military leaders must play in national affairs in these troubled times, the annual presentation of Bibles to incoming Cadets at West Point is a significant project by the American Tract Society.



LOSSES FROM CHURCH FIRES HIT NEW ANNUAL PEAK

The national toll from church fires is now more than \$20,000,000 a year, according to reports from a fire protection agency. It urges congregations to see that their buildings are inspected and that every possible safety precaution is taken.

Fire strikes an average of ten churches a day. Over half of these fires result in total destruction of the church property.

BILLIONS SPENT FOR BEAUTY

American women spent an estimated four billion dollars on beauty aids and services last year, according to *Time* magazine. That figure included sales of toilet preparations amounting to \$1,400,000,000.

But outward appearance isn't everything. While man looks on the outward appearance, God looks on the heart, and it is the person adorned with the beauty of holiness who wins His approval.

Foreign

SOVIET JOURNAL ADMITS RELIGIOUS REVIVAL

Problems of Philosophy, a leading Russian philosophical magazine published in Moscow, admitted in an article that there is a "partial revival of religion in the Soviet Union" and called for "more subtle and vigorous atheistic propaganda." In a three-page attack on religion the publication contended that the revival was due to the "influence of the capitalist world" and must be fought with anti-religious lectures, films, and other media.

It said that "mankind will reach peace by the struggle of the masses against the imperialists and not through a religious outlook saturated with pacifism."

PERSECUTION SPURS WITNESSES' GROWTH IN COMMUNIST COUNTRIES

Despite the glaring error in the Jehovah's Witnesses doctrine and their misinterpretation of the Bible, they claim to be growing rapidly in all parts of the world. The latest report comes from a Berlin, Germany meeting where 12,000 Witnesses reportedly gathered.

The sect leader of the Berlin district who presided told the group that despite Communist persecution, the Jehovah's Witnesses have doubled their number in Communist-controlled countries in the last ten years.

During the conference 1,138 persons were baptized in a swimming pool.

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EVANGEL DEADLINE

... LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

TWO RELATIVES OF THE MISSIONARIES SLAIN BY AUCA INDIANS have succeeded in gaining an entrance among the savages. Mrs. James Elliott, wife of one of the martyrs, and Miss Rachel Saint, sister of another, are now living with the tribe in the Ecuador jungle. On October 9 a missionary pilot flew over the jungle village and reported the women safe at the house the Aucas had built for them.

ARREST WARRANTS AGAINST THREE PREACHERS charged with preaching on the streets in Graham, N. C., without a city permit were quashed by the county judge. The city is expected to contest the decision.

A PROPOSAL TO LEGALIZE OFF-TRACT BETTING by Mayor Robert Wagner as a possible source of increasing tax revenue has met the "unanimous and unqualified opposition" of the Protestant Council of the City of New York.

DUE TO THE "GENERAL FEELING" that "faith healing is not merely a historical fact" but that "the church ought to reclaim the power to heal," the United Lutheran Church in America took action last month to deal with the subject. At its biennial convention in Dayton, Ohio, the Lutheran denomination authorized a special committee to conduct an intensive long-term study of the "entire field of anointing and healing."

NINETEEN AMISH OWNED HORSES HAVE BEEN SEIZED by the U. S. Internal Revenue Service because the members of Old Order Amish Mennonite communities have refused to pay Social Security self-employment taxes which went into effect for farmers in 1955. Observers predicted that the government may have a little trouble disposing of its booty since the Amish are nearly the only ones still using buggy horses.

THE BOMBING OF THE JEWISH TEMPLE IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA was described by Protestant and Roman Catholic leaders as "a blow to all faiths." It was the fourth such incident in the South in about a year. A Jewish temple in Peoria, Illinois, was also damaged by a homemade bomb.

GEORGE L. FORD, Executive Director of the National Association of Evangelicals, is now an affiliate member of the American Institute of Planners which determines how new urban developments should be laid out. The A. I. P., at the urging of the N. A. E., has decided to study the establishing of standards for the location and construction of new churches in newly-developed areas.

A "UNIVERSITY OF ATHEISM" has been opened in the Soviet Union. The newspaper "Tass" reported that the "university" is located in Ashkhabad, a predominantly Moslem part of the country. Courses will consist of 60 lectures, including one on "Marxism and Leninism on Religion, and Ways of Overcoming It."

THE GOLDEN RULE, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" (Lev. 19:18), will appear on a postage stamp being issued by Israel December 10 in honor of United Nations Human Rights Day.

A RELIGIOUS SURVEY IN SOUTH KOREA shows that 1,500,000 persons or 6 per cent of the population are church members. Protestants number 1,323,091. The Assemblies of God reported 8,762 believers in the survey.

Turning the Wide-Angle Lens on Latin America

by C. L. Carden



Group of workers at ministers' institute at Baraboua, Dominican Republic

THE FIELD SECRETARY FOR LATIN America, Melvin L. Hodges, returned from a recent tour of his territory with a clear panoramic picture of the activities in that area. We have previously given some accounts of his trip and here we present a picture story.

In the Dominican Republic three ministers' institutes were conducted by Brother Hodges, covering the entire area of the Republic. They were of great value to the workers, encouraging them and giving them knowledge that will prove beneficial in their gospel labors. His teaching ability, plus insight into the problems of the field and his zeal for the Master, make our brother a fitting leader for this kind of work. His trip, packed full of activity, was a welcome boon to the workers of the Latin American field.

Brother Hodges brought back a good report of a teaching campaign conducted by Ralph Williams in Venezuela. Brother Williams, superintendent of the Cen-

tral American work, went to Venezuela at the request of the Foreign Missions Department to encourage the work in that country. He has proven his God-given ability in organization and superintending in the field of God's choice for him.

A new church is being erected in Rio Haina, a growing metropolis in the Dominican Republic. In this city, which has the largest sugar mill in the world, our church has grown until the present facilities are overcrowded and inadequate. This active and aggressive group of believers are working hard for the Lord under the capable leadership of the pastor. Their young people are anxious to train for the ministry and many of them have already graduated from the Bible Institute nearby and are preaching and teaching.

Robert and Arleta Turnbull, who are in charge of the Bible Institute, find this ministry both interesting and challenging. ◀ ◀



M. L. Hodges teaching at Baraboua



Robert Turnbull at Rio Haina church



Campo Lindo, Venezuela (l. to r.): R. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Hodges, S. Cobos, Superintendent; W. Stepp, Treasurer; Juan Alfaro, Assistant Superintendent; a district presbyter; and J. V. Ruth, Secretary.



Ralph Williams teaching group at La Iglesia Pentecostal at Campo Lindo, Venezuela. Brother Williams spent about four months in Venezuela teaching and encouraging the churches.

In Formosa Today—

THE WORD IS "WAR!"

BY INEZ STURGEON

BANNERS OF WAR SLOGANS ACROSS many streets! Military personnel everywhere!

Military vehicles dominating the traffic! Military planes of all sizes and kinds flying overhead!

Pedestrians anxiously looking up each time a plane roars by to ascertain if it be friend or foe! *War* in the thoughts of everyone and *war* the word on everyone's lips!

This is the picture of Formosa today!

Behind us was the blessed experience of being speakers for the annual inter-Pentecostal Summer Conference for the missionaries, pastors, and Christian workers of this field. God had so signally blessed every heart and the power of the Holy Spirit had come upon all of us in a glorious manner. Now we were to hold a city-wide revival in the capital city of Taipei with all the Assemblies of God co-operating.

In prayer for this effort we felt more than ever the tensions and strains of this constantly mounting war preparation. The war clouds pressed down, portending the storm which could break over this part of the world at any moment. An overpowering impression came that if this island were to be spared the overriding of the Communist hordes the deliverance must be by the power of God.

Then like a projection on the screen of my mind there flashed the headlines of the tremendous and ceaseless threat of war in the Middle East—the rising tide of war-campaigning and constant saber-rattling that threatens to engulf Africa with a bloody bath. Having recently ministered for two years near the Iron Curtain in Europe we knew the continuous threats, the ever tightening screws of pressure, the unremitting war of nerves with the daily possibility that the flames could burst out of control and, like a holocaust, sweep all before it!

The cry of my soul became, "Oh, God, a LITTLE MORE TIME for Formosa! for the Middle East, for Africa, for Europe, for the world!"

It has been said, no man can stop the dropping of the sands of time in the hourglass of eternity—that time and tide wait for no man. But there

is a coin of which the world has no store and which no earthly potentate can hoard—this is the COIN OF PRAYER which alone can buy time for repentance, time for revival, time for preparation for eternity, time for a nation to seek God!

Here is the coin upon payment of which the forces of demonic power are restrained by the almighty power of the omnipotent God! It is the only coin which can cause the marching feet of the righteous judgment of God against sin to be held in abeyance until such as will be saved are saved.

Prayer is the shekel of the sanctuary by which "all thy estimations shall be according to"—the only coin God will receive in payment and thereby change the course of events, and withhold judgment and rewrite prophecy so that history tells the story of averted judgment.

Paul speaks of "redeeming the time"—the meaning of which is *buying* or *purchasing* time. Then prophesying of these very days just prior to the coming of the Lord, he speaks of the Holy Spirit dwelling in the believer with-straining and withholding the powers of the Antichrist. This power we have in "earthen vessels"—this ministry we hold in human hands!

The shadows grow long and the sky is darkening—the night is upon us—the powers of evil are in ascendancy—the "mystery of iniquity doth already work." There is a crying need for men and women to catch the vision of "buying" through prayer, a few more days, a few more weeks, another year or two for the world that a few more hundreds or thousands may hear the gospel message and come to Jesus Christ to be saved.

Abraham "bought" time for Lot and his family!

Moses "bought" time for the nation of Israel!

Jonah "bought" time for Nineveh!

Let us "buy" time for the men and women of our day by pleading in prayer, "O Lord, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid: O, Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy."

YOUR CHRISTMAS GIVING

The season when the joy of giving is emphasized draws near. With regard to Christmas gifts for our foreign missionaries it is already upon us. We remember those on the mission field with an "extra" monetary gift at Christmas time. This is made possible by your contributions.

Here is a way in which we can definitely honor the Lord on His birthday. He always accepts what we give Him and blesses it, thus the gifts are blessed to the missionaries and multiplied in results.

Send your Christmas offerings to the Foreign Missions Dept. 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Mo. If these are not designated to particular missionaries they will go into the general Christmas offering for the missionaries which insures that each of our great family will be remembered. Be sure to mark your gift, "Christmas Offering" and send before November 20th.

MISSIONARY
News Notes



The Robert Webb Family

Word has just reached us that Joyce Lynn was born on March 10 in Nigeria to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Ward.

A letter from Ralph Cimino tells us that he and his family have safely arrived in Nigeria.

The Verlin I. Stewarts of Cuba arrived in the States a few days ago. Their address is 210 Hoke St., Stillwater, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gottschalk of Ceylon are home on furlough. They can be reached at 1511 W. Shannon, Spokane, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Webb and son sailed for Liberia on September 26th.



Aims in Family Worship

BY EVELYN WITTER

BILL AND I BOTH CAME FROM HOMES where family worship gave us a large part of our religious education. But when we were married we let it slide. There wasn't time, we thought. Besides, none of the other young couples had the habit.

We both had happy memories associated with family worship—the voices of mother and father reading the Bible and praying each morning after breakfast, the sense of security and reverence, the knowledge that home was a precious place, the peaceful feeling inside.

We missed all this, but not enough to do anything about it; that is, not until after the children came along. Then there was less time than ever—

and there were more problems.

We wouldn't need to have our family worship time in the morning just because our parents did, Bill and I agreed. There was the early school bus and the baby's formula. After all, the Lord does not specify a time of day when prayer is most acceptable or when meditations should occur.

In the evening around supper time, we all feel like talking things over, I reminded Bill. Suppose each night, after we have eaten, we go into the living room and enjoy a worship service.

"A short one," Bill said quietly. I smiled.

"That's for several good reasons," Bill explained. "Children grow weary

and are easily bored, and we don't want our service to be either wearisome or boring.

"What we should do," he continued, "is figure out what we hope to accomplish by family worship and then we can plan our services according to our aims, like a good teacher does."

We thought about our aims, and as each of us mentioned one I jotted it down. Here was our list:

1. To seek truth.
2. To help us realize that God is revealed in the common, everyday things of life.
3. To help us face our own limitations courageously.
4. To lead us to find harmony among ourselves through God.
5. To give us strength to choose the right regardless of outside pressures.
6. To create an attitude of sympathy for those in need.
7. To learn to apply our time and talents to the best advantage by learning the true sense of values.
8. To learn that strength comes from God.

With our aims firmly in mind the rest of the planning fell easily into place. We would begin each day's service by repeating a Psalm together. Then either Bill or I would say something about one of our aims and how the day's Scripture helped. Maybe someone else would want to say something. After that we would pray for each other, and close with the Lord's Prayer.

This basic pattern will no doubt vary as our children grow in mind and stature, and as we all grow in spirit. But we have started, and now that Bill and I are once more participating in family worship we are again enjoying the feelings of security and reverence in our own home such as we knew in our parents' homes. And our children are fixing those spiritual roots that will cling and reach out to produce fruit.

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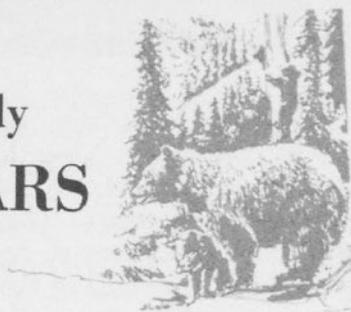
For the Junior Reader

Names Jesus Gave Himself

In this puzzle there are names of four things Jesus said He was. All are found in the Gospel of John. To find these names (some of which are more than one word), move from one square to another, either up or down, or to the right or to the left, using each letter only one time. Do not move diagonally. A gray square indicates the last letter of a name.

ANSWER: If you have solved the puzzle correctly, you will have the names listed in this order: Bread of Life (John 6:48); Light of the World (John 7:12); Good Shepherd (John 10:11); Resurrection (John 11:25).

Family BEARS



There is an old saying that there should be two bears in every household: *bear* and *forbear*. This is particularly true in the Christian home.

If a happy home is to be assured, each member of the family must assume his share of the responsibility. He must *bear* his share of the load. But more than that is required if the home is to be truly happy. He must *forbear* to criticize, grumble, or pout when another member fails to meet his expectations.

Christ set a pattern for us in both respects. In fact, He went beyond such a standard, for with no sin of His own this spotless Son of God "his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sin, should live unto righteousness."

And in the hour of His trial and crucifixion when mockery, insult, and abuse were being heaped upon Him, He "did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth... when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously."

In so doing, we are told, He left us an example that we should follow in His steps, both at home and in public. But that is impossible apart from the Holy Spirit whose power we receive when we believe.

Once we have been convicted of our sin, repented, and trusted Christ as our personal Saviour, then we have the Spirit's power to *bear* our daily burdens and to *forbear* reacting wrongly to the faults of those about us. Through Christ we can retain both "bears" in our households.

—Virginia Whitman

Count me as a firm believer in the family altar. I am thoroughly convinced that a widespread return to the practice of regular worship in the home would work miracles in meeting the many critical problems of modern life. Let the family altar become the center around which life revolves and we will regain the spiritual resources so badly needed.

—Judge Luther W. Youngdahl



Monday, November 10

Read: Psalm 146

Learn: "The Lord shall reign for ever, even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye the Lord" (Psalm 146: 10)

For the Parent: This psalm paints a wonderful picture of the God we serve. He is: (1) One who deserves our worship, vv. 1, 2; (2) One in whom we can trust, v. 3, 5; (3) the Creator of the universe, v. 6; (4) a true and righteous Judge, v. 7; (5) the Healer of the sick, v. 8; (6) the Preserver of those in trouble, v. 9; (7) the eternal King whose kingdom shall never end, v. 10. Certainly we have a great God!

Question Time: What are some of the pictures this psalm paints of our God? (See above) Whom does He love? (v. 8)

Tuesday, November 11

Read: Psalm 147:1-11

Learn: "The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy" (Psalm 147:11).

For the Parent: This psalm tells more about the great God we serve, and who pleases Him. Stress some of the things this psalm pictures God as doing, then show how He is most pleased with those who fear Him—who trust and reverence Him because of His mercy, goodness, and power. Urge the group to have a more complete trust in the Lord.

Question Time: What does God do for the broken-hearted? (v. 3) How great is God's understanding? (v. 5) Who are those that please God? (v. 11) What do you think this means?

Wednesday, November 12

Read: Psalm 147:12-20

Learn: "Praise ye the Lord: for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely" (Psalm 147:1).

For the Parent: Review the material studied yesterday since this lesson is closely allied to it. Point out the additional things God does which are mentioned here. Strive to create an appreciation for God's power and might and a praise because God is interested in us and does things for us. Stress the importance of praise to God—we should always appreciate what He does for us.

Question Time: What are some of the things this passage pictures God as doing? Why should we praise God?

Thursday, November 13

Read: Ephesians 6:10-20

Learn: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:38).

For the Parent: (Additional material on "The Importance of Prayer" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) This passage lists the Christian's armor for the spiritual warfare in which he is engaged. Discuss each item, pointing out its importance. Then stress that the strength we need for battle comes as we pray, v. 18. Christians should always be in an attitude of prayer.

Question Time: What are the parts of the Christian's armor? (vv. 11-17) What is the importance of each part? What part does prayer play in this? (See above)

Friday, November 14

Sunday's Lesson for Juniors

Learn: "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby" (1 Peter 2:2).

For the Parent: Have various members look up and read the following verses: Ephesians 4:15; Job 23:12; John 15:7; Matthew 26:41; John 16:24; Acts 1:8. This lesson on Christian growth deals with prayer, Bible study, and witnessing. Emphasize from these scriptures the importance and necessity of each. We cannot long remain Christians without them, and they help us to grow to be better Christians.

Question Time: How important was God's Word to Job? (Job 23:12) What is the source of power for the Christian?

Saturday, November 15

Read: Matthew 6:25-34 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

Learn: "Ye are of more value than many sparrows" (Matthew 10:31).

For the Parent: We need to be reminded of God's love and care over us. Stress the illustrations from nature in this passage pointing out how God cares for these various things and how we are of much more value to Him. Emphasize complete trust in God for the things we need, seeking Him first in all things, knowing that then these other things will be taken care of.

Question Time: What should we seek first? (v. 33) What do you think this means? What is then the promise that is ours? (v. 33) What do these lessons teach us?

Touring the Prisons

BY ARVID OHRNELL

National Prison Chaplain Arvid Ohnell recently visited eleven state prisons, three county jails and forty Assemblies of God churches. In this article, he shares with us highlights of his prison ministry on this tour. Brother Ohnell served as chaplain for Washington State Penal Institutions at Walla Walla and Monroe for sixteen years before becoming national prison chaplain of the Assemblies of God. He has interviewed thousands of prisoners personally and has accompanied thirty-two men on their "last walk" to the place of execution. Twenty-seven of these accepted Christ. Murderers and other criminals, hungry for peace of heart and mind, have confessed their crimes to Chaplain Ohnell after denying them throughout a court trial.

ON MAY 24, 1958, I LEFT SPRINGFIELD realizing that I would have to drive many thousands of miles before I would see home again. I arrived in Jefferson City, Missouri, at 5 p.m. and stopped at the prison chaplain's home. He requested that I take the services alone in the state prison and at a state prison farm on Sunday since he needed to go to Kansas City for the day. I received a warm welcome at the state prison. The service was well attended and the men sang. They seemed eager to participate. Many prisoners came and asked to be enrolled in our Prisoners Correspondence School.

The service at the state prison farm,

located about nine miles outside the city, was also well attended. The majority of the inmates were Negroes. A former gunman testified, thanking God for salvation and asking God's blessings upon the Gospel Publishing House. The choir sang Negro spirituals.

I met the "rockpile preacher." He had been saved inside the wall and filled with the Spirit in his cell when another converted prisoner prayed with him. He preaches in the yard two or three times every week from a rockpile. All (including the Parole Board) respect him as a very sincere Christian.

My next stop was at the Kansas

State Prison in Lansing and here also I was welcomed. They had a staff meeting so I could meet the trustees and answer questions. They requested that new Bible courses be placed in various cell blocks. The chaplain made a speech before the staff about the high quality of the Assemblies of God work among the inmates. They asked me for 225 Bible study courses. In the evening we toured the prison.

At McAlester, Oklahoma, I called Chaplain Bigbie and said that I was prepared for services the following day in the state prison. The fine chapel in this prison was erected by the inmates. In spite of the hot weather, many inmates came to the service. An inmate choir sang and the string band played. Many prisoners came to the altar of repentance at the close of the service.

We had a service in the women's prison. Many women indicated they wanted to live a better life and wished to study our Home Missions Bible study courses. After conducting interviews we had lunch and rested before starting for the state prison farm for the evening service.

Here we found many Negroes, Indians and white prisoners. We announced the service over a loudspeaker and many attended. So many prisoners asked for interviews that it was necessary for me to stay two days. The chaplain asked for twenty-five more Bible study courses on "The Five Books of Moses." I met many in-



Arvid Ohnell, National Prison Chaplain



Four basic Bible study courses written by Brother Ohnell especially for prisoners

mates whose lives had been wrecked by the power of sin. Among them was a notable heart specialist who had killed his wife and four children. He was very polite but still an agnostic. Three young men under sentence of death were in death row.

The State of Texas next claimed my attention. There are 240 county jails there. The state prison at Huntsville has five thousand inmates. There are eleven state prison farms, houses of correction, reform schools and road camps. Brother Bord, the leader of the jail work in Amarillo, Texas, came over and together we visited inmates at the county and city jails and gave out our *Freedom* leaflets. We prayed with two Catholics.

The meetings at the state prison in Sante Fe, New Mexico, were encouraging. It was a blessing to meet so many students who are connected with our Correspondence School. The Protestant chaplain, a Baptist, expressed deep gratitude for the Bible courses. He openly declared that the National Home Missions Department of the Assemblies of God had the best Correspondence School in America.

After passing more than one desert under burning sun, what a blessing it was to arrive in Bakersfield, California. I had an opportunity to meet the jail workers of the First Assembly of God. For many years this church has conducted services in the county jail. The workers wanted to know the best way to do follow-up work. They asked for twenty-five Basic Bible Study courses.

From here I journeyed to Salem, Oregon, where I had a pleasant stop-over at the state prison. Arrangements had been made to visit all the students connected with our Correspondence School. Two of these students feel the call to be ministers of the gospel. The chaplain placed an order for 100 Bibles, 100 Bible study courses, 200 *Freedom* leaflets and five Bible dictionaries.

From Salem I proceeded to the Oregon District Camp Meeting where I spoke the morning of the fourth of July. After the service the prison workers and people having loved ones in trouble or in prison came forward for advice. Three hundred miles of my next trip were through desert again. I reached Boise, Idaho, in time for a Sunday service at the state prison. Two prisoners were saved.

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Convicted...

In God's Book we all are sitting in death row. But man has drawn a different set of rules, and over 2,000,000 men, women, and juveniles are placed behind bars in this country alone. Unfortunately, many of the guilty on *this* side of the bars (reprieved only through Christ's atonement) consider this 2,000,000 almost beyond the reach of redemption.

The truth is, the grace of God recognizes no prison bars, no institutional walls. Three former inmates of one state prison alone are now successful ministers. Another still preaches from the "rockpile." Hundreds are busy in their cells studying the special courses furnished free to prisoners by our National Home Missions Department. These courses were prepared by our national Prison Chaplain, Arvid Ohnell, after years of practical experience in prison ministry.

This entire correspondence program is supported by offerings. Five dollars will cover the cost of six books. As the demand for the courses is increasing, it is important that the PRISON LITERATURE FUND be replenished accordingly.

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After seven days of work here, I left for the state of Washington. In a jail service at Yakima we prayed with six prisoners.

I had a two-day visit at Walla Walla Penitentiary. While here I was asked to speak at the Franklin County Jail.

Next I visited the state reformatory at Monroe, Washington, and was received very graciously. The chaplain is an Episcopalian minister. He was very friendly and expressed his appreciation for the good groundwork we laid years before. I had an opportunity to interview many inmates. Most of those incarcerated here—almost eight hundred prisoners—are around twenty years old! About seventy came out for the service. I later went back to the reformatory for interviews. Another day was spent with Brother Rogne from Tacoma in Olympia seeing the Board of Pardon for a lifer.

Montana was my next destination where I visited friends. I also visited the Statesville state prison in Illinois on my way home. I finally arrived in Springfield, Missouri, September 12 after almost four months on the field.

During my visits to many of the churches of the Assemblies of God, many pastors expressed how pleased they were with the leadership of the National Home Missions Department. I was encouraged with my reception in all the penitentiaries and churches over the nation. Thanks be to the Lord for a successful and pleasant trip in the interest of the prison work of the Assemblies of God.

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Today has been designated as *National Prison Sunday*. We are expecting thousands of services to be conducted in

jails and other penal institutions by Assemblies of God churches over the nation. Literature for distribution is available for prisoners. A new tract, "I Lost My Freedom," is available at \$1.50 per 100.

National Prison Chaplain Ohnell's great work in providing free of charge, as funds permit, four basic Bible study courses for prisoners has been far-reaching and rewarding. Three good examples of this fact are three successful ministers of the gospel who were once inmates of the Missouri State Penitentiary. Letters received daily in the Home Missions office from prisoners point out the powerful influence of these courses and other gospel literature. Thousands of prisoners are grateful. In a recent week, the Home Missions Department received the staggering total of 1,260 applications for prison study courses from various institutions.

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Sunday's Lesson

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THE IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER

Sunday School Lesson for November 16, 1958

EPHESIANS 6:10-20

The Christian life is a warfare. Every Christian is called upon to be a "good soldier." And every Christian may be a victorious soldier provided he will put into practice (and he can!) the exhortation of Paul found in our text.

BE STRONG IN THE BATTLE

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might." The word translated "strong" means to be "empowered." We cannot make ourselves strong but we can be empowered constantly by God. Satan says, "Be fearful; be discouraged; be cowardly." God's Word says, "Be strong"—not in yourself but "in the Lord."

OUR ENEMY IN THE BATTLE

"For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places." Before describing the armor of God, Paul tells us why we need it. In any battle it is the part of wisdom to know as much as possible about the strength and plans of the enemy. Our conflict, then, is not against human strength nor flesh and blood adversaries, but against unseen (yet very real and powerful) evil spirits and beings.

Paul speaks of the "wiles of the devil." Our archenemy is clever, subtle, tricky. We need all of the armor God supplies in order to triumph over him and all his evil emissaries!

BE ARMED FOR THE BATTLE

"Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." Observe the word "take." We do not beg God to put the armor on us; we *take* it by faith and obedience to God's Word!

(1) *The girdle of truth.* The girdle or belt held the armor in place. We are to apprehend the truth of God with our minds and we are to apply it to our lives. We believe the truth and we "walk in truth" (3 John 4). This means having lives of transparent sincerity, honesty, reality. It means having nothing to do with hypocrisy, sham, insincerity, or making excuses for ourselves.

(2) *The breastplate of righteousness.* The breastplate covered the body from neck to thighs, back and front. Without it a soldier was quite unprotected. Similarly we must be clothed in Christ's righteousness and not our own which is so vulnerable when the enemy attacks.

(3) *Shoes of preparedness.* One translation has it thus, "Your feet shod with that preparedness to face the foe, which is the fruit of the glad tidings of peace." In these times of stress and strain, when temptations and tests are very keen, the peace of God "which passes all under-

standing" will keep us serene, strong, and victorious.

(4) *The shield of faith.* "Above all, taking the shield of faith," for "without faith it is impossible to please God." Just as the shield of the Roman soldier was used to ward off the flaming arrows and the spear thrusts of the adversary, so faith in God, in Christ, and in the Word will protect us from temptations and suggestions from Satan.

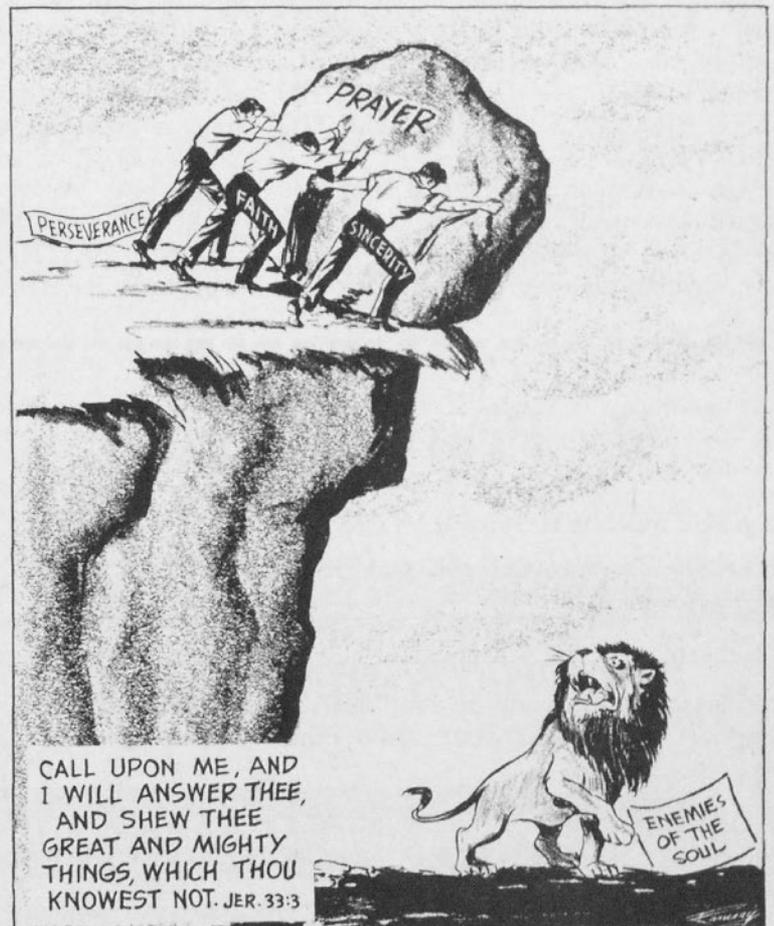
(5) *The helmet of salvation.* The helmet protected the head. So we must guard our minds, our thought life, for every approach of Satan is first through the mind. The word "salvation" here is all-inclusive, referring to our assurance of salvation, plus all the blessings which are included in that salvation. Thus it is absolutely vital that we have a genuine experience of salvation and a positive assurance in order to be a victorious Christian.

(6) *The Sword of the Spirit.* "The sword of the Spirit which is the word of God." Five parts of the Christian's armor are for defense and only one for offense—but what an all-sufficient weapon it is: the Word of the living God. It was the weapon with which Christ defeated Satan in the wilderness test. By the same weapon we too may overcome!

BE PRAYERFUL IN THE BATTLE

"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit." While we have said little thus far about prayer, yet it may be truthfully stated that every spiritual battle is won or lost first of all in the prayer life. To put it another way, many of our battles are fought directly in the prayer life. Just as a soldier must keep in touch with and obey his commanding officer, so every Christian soldier must keep in living contact with Christ in order to enjoy spiritual power and victory. —J. Bashford Bishop

THREE STRONG MEN





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— BY STANLEY MICHAEL

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Testimonies continually come as a result of these prayer meetings. It would be impossible to evaluate the true results of such a ministry. There have been requests for the alcoholic, the broken home, a wayward son or daughter, the backslidden husband, that son in service, and many requesting prayer that they themselves might be saved. AND GOD ANSWERED THE PRAYERS OF THOSE WHO PRAYED.

On November 23, REVIVALTIME will again be sponsoring a Worldwide Prayer Meeting. Local church prayer groups are forming all over the nation to join

s great Thanksgiving service on this Sunday. A list of prayer requests that have come to REVIVALTIME will be sent to these groups where one hour of intercession will be made before the Throne of God on behalf of these special needs.

Pastors reported that during the last such prayer services, a real move of God took place around the altars of their churches as the people prayed.

Already hundreds of prayer groups have made plans to pray on this special day. Immediately following the broadcast on November 23, there will be a great number of prayer warriors joining with the REVIVALTIME staff for an hour of intercessory prayer in the radio auditorium at Springfield.

Perhaps you have an unsaved loved one, a physical need, a friend who needs Christ, or some other special request you would like for this large group to pray about. This may be V-DAY (VICTORY DAY) for you. This may be the day of prayer that

will bring your loved one into the fold. If you wish to send your prayer request to REVIVALTIME, get it in the mail right away. Then believe God with us for the answer.

For those who send a prayer request we have a beautiful prayer reminder. You will be proud to set it anywhere in the room or on your desk, and it will be a constant reminder to "PRAY NOW." You will find it a real blessing. This attractive reminder will also glow in the dark. Be sure to send your prayer request today so that it will reach us in time for the prayer meeting. And when writing, don't forget your offering for this worldwide ministry of REVIVALTIME.

Why not join with us on NOVEMBER 23 and pray for REVIVALTIME and those whom this broadcast reaches? Check with your church to see if they are planning a local REVIVALTIME prayer meeting. This is your opportunity to "share the burden of others."

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TREASURES

I was standing in Tiffany's great store in New York, and I heard the salesman say to a lady who had asked him about some pearls, "Madam, this pearl is worth \$17,000." I was interested at once. I said, "Let me see the pearl that is worth \$17,000." The salesman put it on a piece of black cloth, and I studied it carefully.

I said, "I suppose Tiffany's stock is very valuable?" And as I looked around that beautiful store, I imagined them bringing all their stock up to my house, and saying, "We want you to take care of this tonight." What do you think I would do? I would go as quickly as I could to the telephone and call up the Chief of Police and say, "I have all Tiffany's stock in my house, and it is too great a responsibility. Will you send some of your most trusted officers to help me?" You would do the same, wouldn't you?

But I have a little boy in my home, and for him I am responsible. I have had him for nine years, and some of you may have just such another little boy. I turn to this old Book and I read this word: "*What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?*" or "*What shall a man give in exchange for his soul?*" It is as if he had all the diamonds and rubies and pearls in the world, and held them in one hand, and just put a little boy in the other, and the boy would be worth more than all the jewels. If you would tremble because you had \$17,000 worth of jewels in the house one night, how shall you go up to your Father and your son be not with you?

—J. Wilbur Chapman

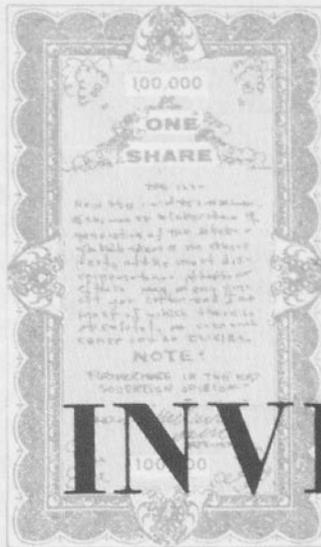
Voltaire said, "It took twelve ignorant fishermen to establish Christianity. I will show the world how one Frenchman can destroy it."

But it is said that twenty-five years after Voltaire died, his home was purchased by the Geneva Bible Society and became a storage building, and his printing press was used to print an entire edition of the Bible.

Will a man fight against God? Yes, he will, but not successfully.

As to those fishermen. If they had been the founders of Christianity, it would indeed have faded out long before this. But the church was founded by God, with His divine Son as the foundation stone, and so "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

—Christian Digest



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on account of salvation

ONE OF THE MANY UNUSUAL EXPERIENCES of the late Charles S. Price took place while he was preaching in a western town. During the sermon, a big Italian man came down the center aisle having both hands in his pockets. At first Brother Price felt apprehensive that the man meant to do him harm, but as he neared the platform the stranger indicated that he wanted to speak to him.

The man told Brother Price that he and his wife had come from a town two hundred miles distant. He said his wife had cancer. He had heard how God had used Brother Price in the healing ministry so he had brought his wife that he might "fix her up," as he put it.

While he was talking, Brother Price noticed that he was peeling several twenty-dollar bills from a large roll. The evangelist told the man that he didn't want his money; then he explained that he couldn't do anything then, and urged them to stay a few days.

Finally, after a week had elapsed, this couple came down the aisle, tears streaming down their faces. They fell down at the altar and were gloriously saved. Then Brother Price and his co-workers laid hands on the sick woman, anointing her with oil in the name of the Lord, and she was instantly healed of the cancer by the almighty power of God.

A few weeks afterward Brother Price had occasion to pass through their town and decided to stop and see how they were faring. He inquired where they lived and was directed to a theater. Brother Price said he had no difficulty finding the theater, which the couple had formerly operated. On the door was a large placard and on it, in large letters, were the words, "CLOSED ON ACCOUNT OF SALVATION."

A real experience of regeneration through Jesus Christ effects a genuine change in one's living and habits.

—Submitted by Harry S. Landis

THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL

JESUS AND THE SINNER

(Continued from page three)

God has prepared for them that love Him. He is blind!

He doesn't need rebuke. He needs a guide. He doesn't need to be shocked into realizing his limitations. He knows them better than we do. Like most blind men the sinner often longs to *see* what we tell him we see in Jesus Christ. He needs to have his eyes opened.

What would any of you think of me if, upon seeing my son make a blunder so common to a blind man's difficulty, I were to loudly rebuke him in the presence of his friends? What would you say if you heard me shout at him, saying, "OPEN YOUR EYES. LOOK WHERE YOU'RE GOING. WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU? CAN'T YOU SEE?" Everyone here would rightly judge that I was utterly unworthy of the privilege of being a father to such a son.

Yet how many of us preachers of God's love for the sinner have yelled out in indignation against the sinner's blundering. Brethren, I fear that some of us have driven sinners from God by our utter lack of understanding.

I could tell you stories of a blind boy's hunger for knowledge. I could tell you of a blind lad's misconception of what some things look like. I never get accustomed to my son's, "Oh, that's what it looks like. . .," as he, in open-mouthed amazement, finally discovers the truth about something that I assumed he knew all about. It would bring tears to your eyes if you could know of the heartaches I have brought on that little fellow (nearly breaking my own heart in the process) just because I did not know how to tell him some things. God alone knows how often I have sometimes humiliated him because I didn't stop to think he couldn't *SEE* what his daddy was trying to teach him. May God forgive some of my stupidity in this.

Many of us have also hurt and humiliated the sinner who can't see what we want him to see. It is possible we have thus driven more people from God than we may ever draw to Him. I nearly die inside at times as I reflect on these things. How I pray that God will give me a heart of com-

passion and love for the sinner. How I pray for pardon where I have failed.

To Jesus the sinner was not only sick and blind. He was also lost. That is why He told the threefold parable of Luke 15. The sinner is lost, like a sheep. Lost to protection. Lost to provision.

A sheep's protection and provision is in the shepherd. It cannot fight. It cannot run. It is of all domestic animals the most stupid.

But the story is not so much about the lost sheep's plight as the shepherd's concern over the lost.

Jesus pictures the shepherd laying the newly-found lost one on his shoulders as he brings it back safe to the fold. It was an occasion that deserved rejoicing. So, calling his friends, he made merry. The lost was found.

Note the conclusion Jesus drew from the illustration: "*And I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance*" (Luke 15: 7).

Most of us have got it all backwards. If we can get ninety and nine just persons together and do a little rejoicing over our salvation and heritage in Christ, we seem to feel we have hit the acme of Christian happiness. But that is not the joy that sets heaven ringing. God loves the *flock* of His sheep but will show equal love and compassion for the *one* lost sheep. Equal, did I say? Nay! *MORE* rejoicing will He make over the sinner's return than over the safety of the ninety and nine.

The parable of the lost coin was given to further illustrate the same truth. As the sheep was lost to provision and protection, the coin was lost to usefulness. No matter what its intrinsic value may have been, it was worthless to its owner in that lost condition.

Friends, do you realize the worth of a soul to God? Who does? Perhaps no one. But let us all remember that souls are so valuable to Him that He was willing for His Son, our Lord Jesus, to die to redeem those who are lost. Not only are they lost to themselves;

they are lost to God. He is the loser.

The coin in the parable was lost but the woman was the real loser. Once the coin was found the woman had gained. A coin in its lost state is of no value to anyone, but when found it enriches both finder and owner. So it is with the sinner. In his lost estate he is of no value to God or man. But "found" he enriches all concerned.

Then consider the parable of the lost son. The sheep was lost to protection; the coin was lost to usefulness; the son was lost to fellowship.

That father loved his boy. His heart ached when the son left. He suffered as he longed for news of the wayward lad. "Come home. Come home, son," must have been a prayer from that father's lips many times.

If that had been my son I would have sobbed my heart out in desire for his welfare. So would every father present, in similar circumstances. We all love the fellowship of our children. No wonder he rejoiced when the boy came home. "My son who was dead is alive. The lost is found. Bring hither the fatted calf. Let us make merry." Everything in that father's heart was glad. Who isn't moved to tears by the old gentleman's joyfulness?

That father represents God in His longing over the sinner. That father represents God in His rejoicing over the sinner that comes home. We should reflect that love.

To love the sinner will take you where he is. To love the sinner will make you patiently listen to him, cause you to associate with him. Not everyone will approve. Not everyone will rejoice with you. Many of the ninety and nine will grumble.

But when the sinner sees that he is the object of our affection and concern, he will tend to hate his 'sin-disease' as much as we do. He will come to us to find the Physician who can heal him. If we are compassionate and patient with his blindness he will seek our guidance to the light.

Let us all remember *this* about the lost: there was a shepherd to *seek* the lost sheep, a woman to *search* for the lost coin, and a father to *welcome* the lost son. Let us emulate the concern, the diligence, and the compassion for the lost that made the shepherd, the woman, and the father rejoice when the lost was found. ◀◀

...THE SS TROOPER STEPPED ON ME!

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LAST

A PERSONAL EXPERIENCE
OF LAWRENCE JOHNSTON

TELEGRAM

Washington, D. C., October 21, 1944
John H. Johnston, Ridgway, Montana
The Secretary of War desires me to
express his deepest regret that your son,
Second Lieutenant Lawrence L. John-
ston, has been reported missing in action
since 30 September over Italy. If
further details or other information are
received, you will be promptly notified.
J. A. Ulio
Adjutant General

THUS THE NEWS CAME TO MY PAR-
ents, "Missing in action." What did
it mean? Since September 30, the tele-
gram said. Almost a month now.
"Where is our boy? Did his plane
crash? Could he have bailed out? What
do the Nazis do with American fliers
who have been divebombing and straf-
ing them? Could he have escaped cap-
ture—be hiding somewhere? But what
would he eat? Where could he go for
help? How could he find his way
around in a strange country occupied
by enemy troops? Is he alive or dead?
Is he still serving the Lord? He had
accepted Jesus as his Saviour, but lately
his letters sound so carefree, too care-
free—almost careless."

Only now that I have a ten-year-old
boy of my own do I realize that such
were the thoughts of my parents that
long winter of 1944-45.

Across the Atlantic there was none
of the silence, mystery, and waiting
that was experienced at home. In its
place was the cold reality of war.
Planes, bombs, guns, tanks, bloodshed,
and death. Things that filled our minds
were Thunderbolts, parachutes, ammu-
nition, gasoline, enemy fighters, anti-

aircraft, and missions—"missions," they
called them, where 24 planes go out
and 18 return. Eight go out and seven
come home. Missions—something
you've got to have 75 to 100 of, de-
pending on how your nerves hold out—
before you can go back to the States.

Late in the evening of September
29, 1944, Flight Leader Welp came into
my room and announced that our flight
was scheduled for a mission early the
next morning. I was to fly his wing.
That suited me fine. There was no
one I'd rather fly with than "Rocky."
We were good friends. This would be
my twenty-third mission. I'd been Cap-
tain Welp's wing man on most of them.

Next morning word came that the
mission was canceled. Later we were
called to the briefing room—the mission
was on again. We were getting into
our equipment when orders came to
stand by. Some hitch in plans further
up.

Some of the boys complained a bit.
When we had a job to do, we liked
to get it over. Some got out magazines,
others cards—anything to occupy the
mind. It would have been an ideal time
to read God's Word or have a time
of prayer. Maybe it would be a good
time to speak to a pal about his soul.
But then, the boys needed another hand
in their poker game. Besides, my Bible
was back in my room on the desk, or
was it in my footlocker? I wasn't sure.
It had been several days since I had
seen it.

Suddenly, orders came. We were to
take off immediately. A scramble for
equipment, parachutes, oxygen masks,
Mae Wests (life jackets). No, never
mind the Mae West; we'll only be over
the sea a few minutes. I'd risk it.

The mail orderly shouted, "A letter
for you, Johnston."

I said, "Keep it till I get back. I'll
read it then." Little did I realize that
I had already set my P-47 down on
our little airstrip for the last time.

I climbed into my plane loaded to
capacity with bombs, ammunition, and
gasoline. It did not take the 2,000 horse-
power engine long to get us airborne.

We joined formation and were soon
over the blue Mediterranean. It was
then that God began to talk to me.

My engine began to run rough. I
thought of my Mae West I'd left in
the locker. What if I had to bail out
over the water? I pressed the mike
button down to call Rocky that I was
turning back. Naw! I'd wait a minute;
she might smooth out. *The boys thought*
things if you turned back from a mis-
sion. What if the mechanic didn't find
anything wrong? Three different times
I pressed the mike button down to call,
listening to the engine. Then, deciding
I was imagining things, I went on.

I thought of my Bible. Wished I'd
read it this morning. Where had I
learned to gamble, anyway? Dad
wouldn't allow a deck of cards in the
house. Oh, now I remember. The kid
from Lusk, Wyoming, when we were
back in basic, wanted someone to play
with; said he'd teach me. Said we'd
just play with pennies, and it wouldn't
cost me anything.

We're over the target now. Rocky
gave the signal to peel off. Down we
went: the air speed climbed to 300,350,
400, 500. I wondered how Mom and
Dad were, back on the ranch. Wondered
what my girl had written in that letter;
I was sure it was from her. Fifty-cal-
iber tracers coming up now. I'd better
jinx around a bit. The controls were
so stiff, though; better get on target.
Several holes in my wings. Guess I'd
have something to show the boys when
I got back. More holes in my wings—
big ones now, must be twenty or forty,
maybe both. Windshield shattered.
Something came through the cockpit
from the side. I was low now. Better
release the bombs and pull out.

It was when I looked back to see
where the bombs hit that I first realized
the plane was on fire. I tried to call
Rocky, but the radio was dead. A quick
glance at the instrument panel came up
with bad news. No oil pressure, RPM
3,600, but airspeed 150, just about to
stall. The prop pitch must have turned
flat. At 1,000 feet the engine began to
freeze. The plane would shudder vio-

lently as the pistons began to stick in the cylinders. The cockpit was filled with smoke and fast becoming an oven.

Suddenly, I realized I was no longer master of the situation. I was not going back with the rest. I remember feeling a bit lonely.

I was too slow and too low to attempt to roll the plane over. Better just crawl out fast. No time to pray now. I'm sure God would help me if I just had time to pray—but no time.

It seemed it took ages to get away, then another hundred years for the chute to open. I hit the ground close to the burning plane—too close.

I ran a little way and crawled under some low bushes. There God spoke many things to my heart. There I surrendered—to the Master.

What seemed so senseless and unexplainable to my parents back home was plain and simple to me there. A loving heavenly Father had laid His hand gently, ever so gently, upon a wayward son. My own spirit of pride and arrogance was broken as I felt the gentle, but firm, hand of God. I felt the great love that had restrained His anger—love that no man can afford to trifle with.

Deciding I was as well concealed as possible for the moment, I lay there thinking of the past and speculating as to my chances for a future. The area was soon swarming with curious civilians and German troops. I could hear their shouts above the exploding ammunition in the burning plane.

It would be dark in a short time. My chances of escaping would be much better then. The Germans realized this, too, and were combing the countryside. Next thing I knew a trooper came crashing through the underbrush and stepped right on me. He was so startled, he shook all over. I was afraid he would shoot me accidentally—if not on purpose.

I soon discovered that my captors were SS troops, the backbone of Hitler's forces. This could have been the end of the road, except that they needed information. I was led to an automobile parked under a tree nearby. It was then I discovered my left shoe was full of blood. A piece of flak had hit my leg. Somehow, in the excitement, I had not felt it.

The soldiers that captured me were a bit rough. Soon I found myself in a small command post where a doctor removed a piece of metal from my leg and dressed the wound.



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MY NAME and ADDRESS

Three stern but respectful officers began questioning me. This went on until about eleven o'clock when apparently they grew tired of hearing nothing but my name, rank, and serial number. They locked me in the local jail for the remainder of the night, and I was soon sound asleep. Sometime during the night the flak officer came in and asked what caliber of antiaircraft I thought it was that brought me down. I gave him my name, rank, and serial number and went back to sleep.

The next morning I was transferred to a hospital in Verona. The third day they began bringing their own wounded in by the truckload. Apparently our Thunderbolts had caught a troop train moving in daylight.

An officer who had been questioning me every day came to my bedside and said, "I cannot force you to talk here, but at your next camp you will tell everything." With that I was led to a waiting train and was pushed into a boxcar. Inside were five wounded British soldiers lying in bunks. A guard climbed aboard, and soon the train began to move. The guard looked us over and decided we weren't much to worry about.

After a while the train stopped, and an Italian boy came alongside with a jug of wine. The German guard gave the boy his wool blanket and took the wine. Thinking that we were in no condition to cause trouble, the guard began drinking.

As I watched the guard becoming careless, I thought of what the officer in the hospital had said. I moved my leg. It was sore and stiff. The knee would not bend and was swollen, for I had hit the tail of the plane when I bailed out.

At first I could hear opportunity knocking—faintly. But as the train rolled on into the night, each click of the wheels bringing me closer to that concentration camp, opportunity knocked louder and louder. I prayed, planned, and prayed again. Then, purposing in my heart that I would rather risk death for freedom than rot in a prison, I made for the door of that train and out into the night.

The train was moving rapidly, and I hit the ground hard—so hard that I lay there limp as a rag. Most of the fight was taken out of me. But I was free—for the moment at least! It was so dark I could scarcely see, so I just started out perpendicular from the tracks, stumbling into the back yards, encountering big dogs, and falling over rock walls. Finally, unable to take another step, I lay down in a corn field and went to sleep.

Space would not permit me to tell everything that happened in the nearly six months that followed. But God was with me every moment, giving strength, courage, and patience.

My legs refused to carry me over the alps before winter set in, but the

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Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

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► **BELLEVILLE, ILL.**—During August Evangelist Norman Surratt conducted a three-week revival here at Full Gospel Tabernacle. Several were saved and some received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. The entire church was revived and stirred in a very special way. The straightforward, dynamic preaching of the Pentecostal message was especially appreciated.

—*T. M. Kimberlin, Pastor*

► **LEBANON, OREG.**—The church here profited greatly from meetings conducted by Evangelist L. H. Sheets and family. Their ministry was richly anointed and met a definite need in the church. The young people were greatly inspired, and some were filled with the Holy Spirit.

—*H. D. Robeson, Pastor*

► **FORT WORTH, TEX.**—The Jacob's Well Assembly of God recently enjoyed special meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. Al Strickland of this city. The special singing of the Strickland family was greatly appreciated, and the church was benefited by the meetings.

—*Odell Jones, Pastor*

► **PASCAGOULA, MISS.**—Evangelist Robert Gurganus of Rocky Mount, N. C. recently conducted an area-wide tent revival here with eight churches co-operating, six Assemblies of God and two Pentecostal Holiness. The meeting continued for 17 nights with excellent attendance and most gratifying results. Brother Gurganus has just recently come into the Assemblies of God from another Pentecostal movement and preaches with great anointing, emphasizing the absolute necessity of living a separated and consecrated life to the full will of God. A large number were saved and many were healed. Others were gloriously filled with the Holy Ghost.

—*G. L. McKinney, Pastor*

► **NAPAVINE, WASH.**—The church here experienced a glorious tent revival with Evangelist Don Gossett of Salem, Oreg. Several came forward for salvation during the three-week campaign. Many miracles of healing were evidenced. Very good crowds were in attendance in almost all of the meetings. On the last Friday night of the campaign one was reminded of the book of Acts as the halt, lame, deaf, and afflicted were brought in from communities up to 100 miles away. Excellent co-operation was received from the various Assemblies in nearby communities, and the financial budget was met with no difficulty or strenuous appeal. The positive, Bible-centered preaching of the evangelist was a real blessing to all who attended. A gracious spirit of

unity and love blessed all the meetings. The church is still rejoicing in the revival spirit and has been stirred anew to earnestly contend for the faith.

—*B. Bangs, Pastor*

► **OSCEOLA, MO.**—The Assembly here recently enjoyed two weeks of revival with Evangelist Glenna Byard. Five were saved and two received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. The entire church enjoyed both the singing and the ministry of the Word. On September 7, seven were baptized in water.

—*Vern D. Stoughton, Pastor*

► **VIENNA, MO.**—The church here recently concluded two weeks of revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Theodore Roark. Seven souls were saved and one received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Sister Roark worked diligently with the children, and many of them were saved. The church as a whole was greatly blessed and moved closer to God.

—*C. A. Bumgardner, Pastor*

► **TIMMONSVILLE, S.C.**—Evangelist John L. Eller of Greer, S.C. recently held three weeks of revival in the Glad Tidings Assembly here. God's presence was real each night. Two were saved, and one rededicated her life to God. The church members as a whole were stirred for God. The Sunday School attendance reached high peaks during the meetings.

—*Merlin N. Steen, Pastor*

► **GREENVILLE, S. C.**—The Beaverdam Assembly of God has recently enjoyed what many believed to be the greatest revival in the history of the church. Evangelist S. L. Hayes ministered for two weeks. The Lord blessed in an unusual way from the first service on. Many young people have come to the Lord, and adults have testified to being healed and delivered from evil habits. Eight were saved and two received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

—*C. V. Merritt, Pastor*



Pastor O. D. Burkett and Evangelist Jack Thompson (holding Johnnie the dummy) rejoice over a record Sunday School attendance in Bakersfield, California.

► **OAKLAND, CALIF.**—During the past several weeks there has been a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the First Assembly of God here. Twelve young people have been baptized in the Holy Spirit, and many more have been refilled. The prayer meetings after the Sunday evening services have lasted until midnight or later. Some of the young people felt a definite call of the Lord for full-time service.

—*Henry H. Ness, Pastor*

► **DOE RUN, MO.**—Evangelist and Mrs. N. B. Rayburn of Henryetta, Okla. recently conducted two weeks of meetings here which were different from any campaign the church has ever had. There were more new people in attendance than in any previous revival. The crowds grew each night and climaxed on the last night of the meeting. The sermons and songs of the Rayburns each night were a real blessing to the people.

—*Homer L. Smith, Pastor*

► **PANAMA CITY, FLA.**—The First Assembly here had a very successful "Round-Up Revival" with Evangelist John McPherson of Richmond, Calif. who is a converted Cherokee Indian known as "Chief Yunsane." The ten days of meetings were for children and adults alike. The evangelist held Gospel Pow Wows at 6:30 for the kiddies, followed by a regular evangelistic rally at 7:30. Of the 530 children enrolled, there were 273 boys and 257 girls. The revival was a success in every way.

—*Kectah Jones, Pastor*

► **BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.**—Evangelist Monroe S. "Jack" Thompson recently conducted a very successful Children's Revival in the Calvary Full Gospel Church. He used his dummy, Johnny, and the Gospel Puppets to present the gospel message to the children. On the first night 85 children were in attendance, and by Friday night there were 188. The stories, flannelgraph, and the puppet show were all geared to win boys and girls to Christ. Several made decisions for the Saviour. On the closing Sunday of the revival an all-time attendance record for the Sunday School was set at 231. Such a record attendance for the month of August is really unusual.

—*O. D. Burkett, Pastor*

► **ZANESVILLE, OHIO**—No less than 80 new people attended for the first time during the special meetings conducted recently by Evangelist and Mrs. J. E. Winstead of Winter Garden, Fla. The church was stirred to a greater realization of the need of consecration to God in this compromising age, and souls were saved, backsliders reclaimed, believers filled with the

Spirit, and sick bodies healed. Many were delivered from fear, doubt, worry, and habits of various kinds. Not only did the congregation enjoy the ministry of Bro. Winstead during the four weeks, but the illustrated teaching of Sister Winstead was also a great benefit to the church.

—Curtis A. Arnold, Pastor

►BROOKVILLE, PA.—The First Assembly's Sixth Anniversary Crusade is now history, but the results of it are still being felt. Evangelist Harvey McAlister ministered during six nights of services. Revivaltime speaker C. M. Ward ministered on Friday evening, September 12. Record crowds attended the meetings, souls were saved, and others testified to physical healing. The blessing of the Lord was manifested in every service. Many new folks attended the church for the first time. All are rejoicing in the success of these services.

—Vernon Boyer, Pastor

FELLOWSHIP NEWS



ATTENDANCE RECORD BROKEN

COTTER, Arkansas—Until August 31, the largest attendance at the Cotter Assembly of God was 88, but on that date the record was broken with an attendance of 95. Two weeks later 102 were present to set a new all-time record.

Pastor James Wisehart says there is a revival spirit in the Assembly. Souls are being saved in the regular services. Plans are being made for a new Sunday School annex which is sorely needed. The photograph shows the Sunday School superintendent and pastor holding the "record" the morning it was "broken."

WEST CENTRAL ENJOYS TWO GREAT CAMP MEETINGS

Des Moines, Iowa—West Central District enjoyed two great camp meetings during the summer. The Storm Lake Camp witnessed the largest crowds in recent years and the spiritual tide ran high from the first service.

The ministry of Andrew Stirling as both teacher and evangelist met a need and stimulated a response from hungry seekers.

The ministry in music of Brother and Sister L. B. Larsen, Minneapolis, was a great blessing.

Spirituality, attendance and finances were at a new high in this camp.

The Northern Missouri Camp at Excelsior Springs proved a real asset to the district and campers. Harry J. Steil ministered as teacher and evangelist, inspiring faith

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ark.	Bay	A of G	Nov. 16—	E. C. Davis	J. M. Propes
	Smackover	A of G	Nov. 16-30	Bob Swaim & wife	W. H. Richardson
Calif.	Bakersfield	Bethel	Nov. 16—	E. L. Surratt & wife	R. H. Marshall
	Burlingame	* Tri-City	Nov. 11-16	E. & V. Warens	Clarence Lebeck
	Dinuba	A of G Tab.	Nov. 11—	Jerry Fry & wife	Lloyd J. Cagle
	Lindsay	A of G	Nov. 11-13	Richard E. Jeffery	Herman R. Grams
	Modesto	Bethel	Nov. 9-23	H. Ralph Love	L. B. (Bill) Lewis
	N. Sacramento	Northgate	Nov. 2-16	M. Fortner & wife	Paul McNeece
	Roseville	First	Nov. 11-23	Stanley MacPherson	Robert Pirtle
	San Jose	Bethel	Nov. 5-23	Warren Litzman	Thomas G. Sutton
	Wilmington	Boulevard	Nov. 11-23	O. & A. Duncan	Herbert Ezell
Colo.	Colorado Springs	Evangel Temple	Nov. 4—	Wm. Ilnisky & wife	Paul Miller
	Dove Creek	A of G	Nov. 9—	Robert G. Slaton	David W. Bland
	Stoneham	A of G	Nov. 9—	N. B. Rayburn	W. Jasper Weaver
Ill.	Rockford	First	Nov. 9-23	Floyd E. Heady	E. L. Stalons
Ind.	Clinton	A of G	Nov. 13-16	David Ward	Enos J. Bruton
Iowa	Shenandoah	FG Tab.	Nov. 12-23	G. A. Snavely & wife	A. R. Sorenson
Kans.	Chanute	First	Nov. 2-9	Christian Hild	L. Glen Ahlf
	Wichita	Trinity	Nov. 9-23	Sara E. Sharp	John M. Hutson
Mich.	Detroit	Full Gospel	Nov. 16-30	Eugene Petroski	N. Stecewicz
	Grand Haven	A of G	Oct. 26—	M. O. Turner	Jack Carrier
	Saginaw	Genesee Gardens	Nov. 16-30	Gene Allen	Lyle Phillips
Mo.	Breckenridge	A of G	Nov. 9-23	J. D. Parrock	Gail Copple
	Buffalo	A of G	Oct. 27-Nov. 10	Leonard G. Craner	R. C. Pickney
Nebr.	Lincoln	Havelock	Oct. 28-Nov. 9	Mel Lager	J. Robert Birdwell
N.Y.	Syracuse	Grace Tab.	Nov. 11—	Joseph DeGrado	Norman Farrington
N. Dak.	Sawyer	A of G	Nov. 2-16	Paul Clark & wife	Paul Keil
Ohio	Lorain	First	Nov. 16—	Harold W. May, Jr.	Keith A. Smith
Okla.	Fairfax	Naval Reserve	Nov. 2—	David Essary & wife	Frank Hall
	Woodward	A of G	Nov. 16-Dec. 7	Carl & Edna Goodwin	Carl A. Nicholson
Oreg.	Canyonville	Bible Academy	Nov. 11—	L. H. Sheets Family	Robert Shaffer, Secy.
Pa.	Bloomsburg	GT Pent.	Nov. 11-23	R. MacIntosh & wife	Walter J. Keller
	Danville	A of G	Nov. 11-23	Tommie Reid	M. David Bowen
	Johnstown	Grace Pent.	Nov. 5-23	Musical Vanns	E. S. Opdenhoff
	Punxsutawney	Pent. Tab.	Nov. 11-23	Ralph A. Creider	Donald E. Berkey
S. C.	Georgetown	First	Nov. 11-23	Calvin Melton	A. T. Hickman
S. Dak.	Sioux Falls	Gospel Tab.	Nov. 11-23	R. Alan Davis	Arthur Berg
Tenn.	Ripley	Central	Nov. 9—	Earl E. Blythe	Gaylon Echols
Tex.	Dallas	Grace	Nov. 12-23	Don George & wife	Fred Davis
	Houston	Calvary Temp.	Nov. 16-30	H. E. Darnell	C. N. Rice
	Littlefield	A of G	Nov. 9—	Winferd Mack	R. C. Dearman
	Lubbock	Evangel	Nov. 11-23	Roland Hastie	J. M. Tucker
	San Antonio	First	Nov. 16-30	Hildreth Ethridge	A. L. Todd
Va.	Hayfield	A of G	Nov. 2-16	J. B. Woolums	C. B. Glover
	Roanoke	First	Nov. 12-23	John Higginbotham	Beulah Skidmore
Wash.	Bremerton	** Evang. Temp.	Nov. 2-23	Teuber Evang. Party	Lincoln Wyman
	Yakima	Ahtanum	Nov. 11-23	Warren D. Combs	Kenneth Minaker
	Yakima	Mead Ave. GT	Nov. 2-16	Floyd Bailey	P. C. Walcher
Wis.	Seymour	A of G	Nov. 10-23	Bob Olson	Milton J. Kersten

* Children's Revival

** Union Revival

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in the believers. His preaching on the Second Coming resulted in massive moves to the altar where hungry souls were filled with the Holy Spirit. Record crowds attended this camp also.

The camp choir, in charge of the Arnold Browns, proved a real blessing.

People who attended these camps were made conscious of an inward need for a closer walk with Christ and a determination to reach such a goal by sincere seeking and the making of new consecrations. Camp meetings have done much for our District.

—T. E. Gannon, District Superintendent

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOME COMING WEEKEND—November 8, 9, and 10 at the Assemblies of God church, Macedonia, Iowa. C. A. Rally Nov. 8; Services all day Sunday, Nov. 9; sectional fellowship meeting Nov. 10. Former members and friends invited.—by George A. Williamson, Pastor

MISSIONARY CRUSADE—Nov. 9-16 at First Assembly of God, Bartlesville, Okla. Speakers: Clarence W. Roberts, India; Hugh Jeter, Morocco; Charles Lee, American Indians; Everett L. Phillips, Africa.—by H. Paul Holdridge, Pastor.

NO WARNING

By

Betty Swinford



IT HAPPENED EXACTLY A WEEK AGO this very morning. As I look back, it still holds something of the element of a nightmare. In fact, I had had a very bad dream just shortly before it happened. In the dream one of the children was hurt and I was trying to reach the doctor. But my fingers had gone numb and I couldn't turn the pages of the telephone book. When I actually did get the right number I couldn't dial, and when I finally managed to dial no one answered! Perhaps it was the Lord trying to warn me even then that something was going to happen. If so, I did not heed the warning; for I had no telephone number ready and my mind was all but numbed to thought.

Here is what took place. I had poured a cup of hot coffee and placed it on the dresser in my bedroom. The thought that our baby, who is just beginning to walk, could reach the handle of the cup did not occur to me. I was in the room with her all the time, but had momentarily turned my back to her. The next thing I knew little Reneé was lying on the floor screaming.

My thoughts turned into frozen fragments. My fingers were numb as I tried to get her pajama top off. But my heart was crying out to God in a wordless prayer!

With her clothing came strips of skin. I dashed to the telephone, but by then I shook so badly I could not hold the telephone book. Then a well-known Voice spoke quietly: *Call Dorothy.* She is my next door neighbor and a very wonderful one, too! Her number came clearly to my mind and I dialed quickly. Seconds later she was there, taking the baby out of the room so

I could try to get the doctor.

Still the nightmare did not end. The doctor was not at home, nor in her office, nor at the hospital. She stayed just a jump ahead of me. However, there was a pediatrician at the hospital and he said if I would come right to the emergency room he would put dressings on the burns.

As my neighbor said, that was when the Lord took over. My husband walked in the kitchen door, a thing he *never* does at eight-thirty in the morning! He had been at the corner store taking an order for potato chips and cookies when he remembered that we were nearly out of milk; so he bought some and brought it home. That's the way the Lord works.

Ten minutes later our two older children were left with Dorothy and we were at the hospital. The doctor who had promised to meet us, however, did not come and we have not seen him to this day. An anesthetist was in surgery and he was kind enough to help the baby. Shortly after that we

were able to get a surgeon to dress the burns and Reneé was hospitalized overnight.

The Lord has promised to be a Refuge, and He surely was that to me in this trial. His comfort and peace flooded my heart and I was at rest in His tender care. The doctor had warned us that there was danger of infection, but the infection did not come. He warned us that it would be most difficult to keep the same bandages on for one entire week, but they were still intact until they came off yesterday.

Reneé is in excellent condition. The doctor was amazed at how quickly she had healed! But, of course, he does not take into account the greatest Physician of all who had touched her little body after the doctor had done all he could do.

I lay in bed the other night pondering all these things when another thought came to me. As closely as I watch over my children, as dearly as I love them, they still get hurt occasionally. And with no warning!

Then, it seemed that this was very much like what is going to take place in the spiritual realm at any time now. Most people have had access to a church all their lives; many have been warned time and again that they should surrender to the Lord Jesus Christ and have their sins washed away in His precious blood. But either they procrastinate or they simply feel that it isn't important. The Bible says, "*Now is the day of salvation.*" It says, "*How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?*" It also says of Christ, "*Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*"

Yet, in the final analysis, Jesus will come *without warning*. As a thief in the night will He appear. One instant and all will be changed! Thousands upon thousands of people will have disappeared suddenly from the face of the earth. What I experienced the morning my little one was burned will be as a drop in a bucket compared to the terror that will take hold upon men's hearts! But it will be eternally too late. There will be no peace, no comfort in that day.

Now is the day of salvation. Now is the time when each soul must surrender to Jesus Christ. Tomorrow it may be too late. ◀◀

BIBLE VERSE

A black and white illustration of Jesus Christ with a beard and long hair, looking down. Behind him is a cross on a hill. The illustration is framed by a border.

But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son. GALATIANS 4:4

Israel's 10th Anniversary

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the first words of a child are Hebrew, lovers tell of their love in Hebrew, soldiers obey Hebrew commands. We are building a home in which our children shall live without fear."

One folder, "Next Year in Jerusalem," quotes the scripture, "Come, rise and walk throughout the length and breadth of the land, for unto you I have given it." Then we read these words, "Next year in Jerusalem!" How the words have echoed down the ages. They close the Seder, when Jewish families proclaim their unity with their forefathers. They end the Yom Kippur Service, when every Jewish community faces the Eternal Judge and pleads for itself and all Israel. NEXT YEAR IN JERUSALEM! It was more than a hope. It was a wish to fulfill a Divine Commandment. . . . Now a new age has dawned. Thanks to the merits of our fathers, our brothers, and our sons, we have witnessed the rebirth of the State of Israel. Now we no longer need to hope and wish for the future. Now every Jew can tell himself: THIS YEAR IN JERUSALEM!"

This verily is the fulfillment of Jeremiah 16:14-15, "Therefore behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that it shall no more be said, The Lord liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; but, the Lord liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither

he had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers."

This is surely the great last-day sign before the return of Jesus Christ. He gave us these words, "Behold the fig tree, and all the trees; when they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand. So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand. . . . Watch ye therefore, and pray always" (Luke 21:29-36).

23rd and Last

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Lord led me to some kind people who were friendly to Americans. They gave me shelter and food until March 1 when I again headed for Switzerland. After thirteen days of mountain climbing and dodging the enemy, I passed a green and white post marking the Swiss border.

Walking down a mountain path, I again felt a gun pressed against my ribs, but this time I was on Swiss soil; the steady finger on the trigger belonged to a Swiss border guard. After being identified by the American consulate in Bern, I began to relax. After living in almost constant danger for six months, it took a while for the tension to leave my system. My release was arranged, and on March 18 I was put across the border at Geneva into France, then in Allied hands.

The days that followed were pleasant. The struggle was over. A few days

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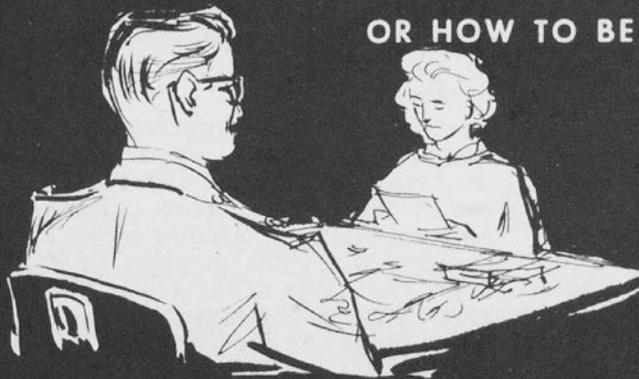
at headquarters for interrogation, then down to Casablanca, North Africa, where on April 13 I stepped aboard a four-engine transport bound for home. In twenty-two hours I was back in the land of the free!

To those who read this story, I'd like to leave this thought: God is good. He is powerful. He is able and willing to do anything to help you. He loves you with an everlasting love. But friend, you cannot trifle with that love. "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."

—C. A. Herald

Take a letter, Miss Yardley...

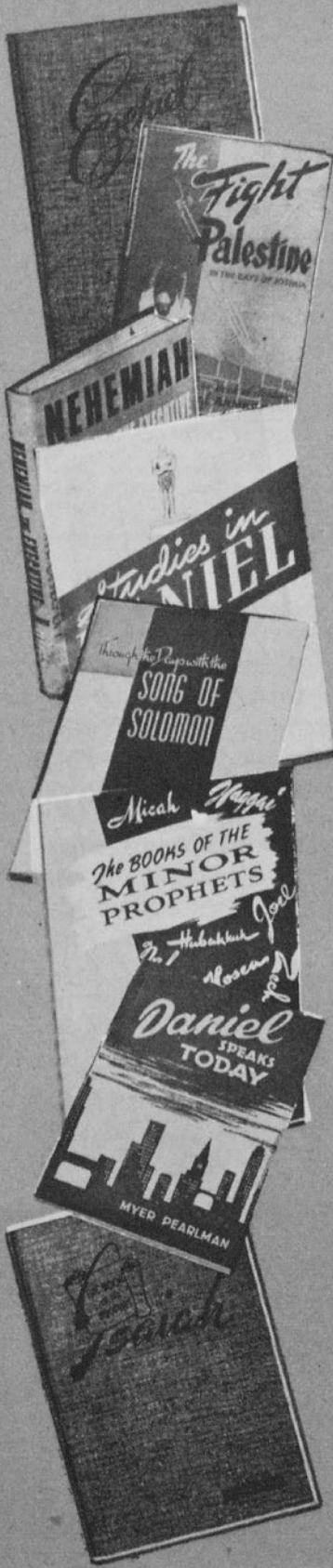
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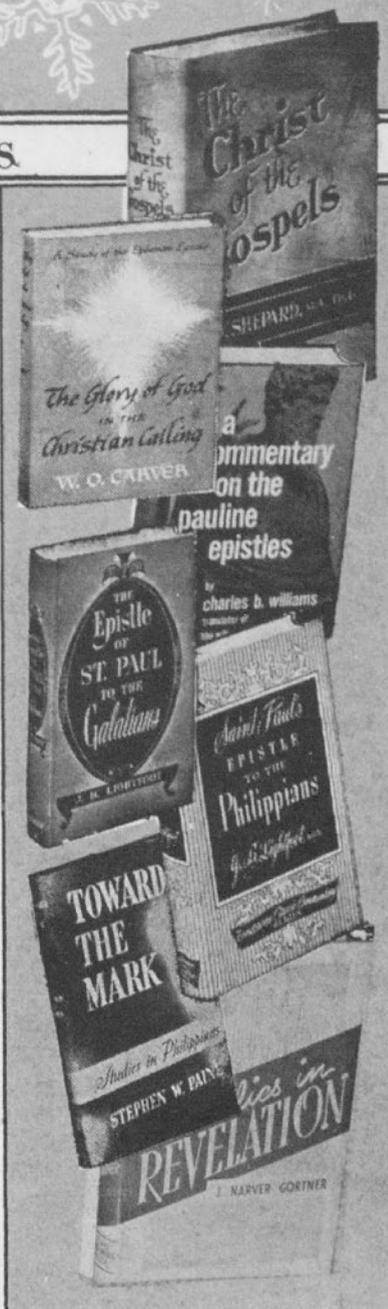
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"When a man begins to amass wealth, it is a question whether God is going to gain a fortune or lose a man."

There are many wives leaving the house each morning to work elsewhere who ought to be at home caring for their children. The only excuse for their being engaged in business is that they may have costlier clothes, an extra television set, a thicker rug, a larger car. In contrast to such avarice the Bible instructs the young women to "love their children" and to be "keepers at home."

Oliver Goldsmith's *Deserted Village* embodies a warning America desperately needs today:

"Ill fares the land, to hastening ills a prey,
Where wealth accumulates, and men decay;
Princes and lords may flourish, or may fade—
A breath can take them, as a breath has made.
But a bold peasantry, their country's pride,
When once destroyed can never be supplied."

In spite of our two-car garages, our backyard swimming pools, and our plush furnishings, this writer has never met so many complaining and obviously dissatisfied people. One is reminded of a contemporary's description of Nero, the Roman emperor who was so notorious for his cruelty and corruption:

"Behold Nero as he sits in all his pomp and glory, the conqueror of the world! The porticos of his palace are a mile long, the walls are mother-of-pearl and ivory, the ceilings are arranged to shower lovely perfumes upon his guests. His crown is worth uncounted coffers, his mules are shod with silver, he fishes with hooks of gold, a thousand carriages accompany him when he travels, his wardrobe contains clothing in such abundance that he never wears a garment the second time; affluence and opulence are manifest, yet he is not a satisfied man. . . . *His arm has conquered but his heart is unsatisfied.*"

One is aware of the desirability of providing a nest egg for old age, and of possessing a bank account from which to pay justifiable expenses, but in all our planning and accumulating we must not neglect the eternal treasures. We dare not be guilty of making too lavish provision for our pampered selves.

Paul's words to Timothy were never so apropos: "Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us all things richly to enjoy; that they do good, that they be rich in good works . . . laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life" (1 Timothy 6:17-19).

"Let me hold lightly things of this earth,
Transient treasures, what are they worth?
Moths can corrupt them, rust can decay;
All their bright glory fades in a day.
Let me hold lightly temporal things,
I who am deathless, I who wear wings!

"Let me hold fast, Lord, things of the skies,
Quicken my vision, open my eyes!
Show me Thy riches, glory and grace.
Boundless as time is, endless as space!
Let me hold lightly things that were mine,
Lord, Thou dost give me all that is Thine!"

—Martha Snell Nicholson



Transient Treasures

BY KENNETH L. MILES

THE LOVE OF MATERIAL THINGS SENT THE WEALTHY sovereign of Matthew 19 to hell. "If thou wilt be perfect," Jesus told him, "go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven; and come and follow me."

But when the young man considered the price, he "went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions."

It reads like an episode of the twentieth century, for ours is an unequalled era of money-mindedness and material stockpiling. No doubt has been left by our Master as to what the Christian philosophy of life and our daily attitude toward *things* should be.

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt where thieves break through and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal," taught Jesus.

Do our lives as Christians conform to this admonition? Let us not overlook Christ's comment after the young ruler had made his choice between the temporal and the eternal. "How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!" (Luke 18:24)

The very mental attitude which makes for the acquisition of *things* galore also clouds the spiritual thought processes, dulls the whole perspective of repentance and faith, and closes the door to God's kingdom. As one expressed it,