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BUT BY MY SPIRIT,
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A scene in the beautiful city of San Antonio, Texas where the biennial General Council of the Assemblies of God will have its sessions August 26-September 1

Jazz in Church

Good Episcopalians were "shocked and dismayed" recently over the "Jazz Mass" that was heard in some of their New England churches.

The "Jazz Mass," also known as the "Twentieth Century Folk Mass," was composed in England several years ago by a clergyman who wanted to show young people it was possible to modernize church music. In one New England town, where a four-page combo was brought in from a night club to give the "sacred music" just the right beat, the performance brought mixed reactions. Some people called it "interesting." Others termed it "sacrilegious." Many of the listeners tapped their feet, nodded their heads, or swayed to the music. Confused young people found it hard to see much difference between the church jazz and the dance-hall jazz the combo had been giving out in the night club just a few hours earlier.

At the annual convention of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of New York last month the "Jazz Mass" was severely criticized, and rightly so. One clergyman said such performances "tended to lower the standards of sacred music to worldly levels." He called for a meeting of the "best musical minds" to find a type of music that was "modern but worthy of the dignity and prestige of the Christian Church."

Perhaps we Pentecostals ought to examine some of our own church music to see just how much of it really is sacred and how much is shallow, hollow and soulish. We never would bring a dance band into our church but sometimes we bring worldly tunes into the sanctuary and give them gospel words. The tune is the same, the rhythm is the same, yet we get "blessed" without ever stopping to ask ourselves whether the basic effect of the music on us is very different from the effect it has on the people in the dance hall.

Another mistake we make is to take good songs that were inspired by the Holy Ghost and give them so much swing the meaning is overshadowed by the tempo, and their influence on us is more physical than spiritual. Some church musicians put so many flourishes in their playing that the people's attention is drawn to their talent more than to God. Some gospel singers try to copy worldly crooners and project so much of their own personality that one gets the impression they are out to make a personal conquest rather than to win souls for Jesus.

Church music is not an entertainment medium. It is a means of spiritual edification. When singers and players treat their music as a sacred ministry and pray earnestly for God's blessing to be upon it, their music is simple, self-effacing, Christ-exalting. It creates an atmosphere of reverence in the service. It moves us to worship God in spirit and in truth. It changes despair into hope; gives us peace instead of turmoil; lifts us out of fear into faith. When God is in our singing there is a spirit, tone, and quality that gives it the hallmark of heaven. We are thankful for our consecrated singers and musicians. May their ministry be marked with ever-increasing power and blessing in the Holy Ghost.

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WE ARE LIVING IN THE DAY FORETOLD BY JESUS IN MATTHEW 24:6. NEVER BEFORE HAVE "RUMORS OF WARS" BEEN SO FRIGHTENING AND SO WIDESPREAD FOR SO LONG A TIME.

THE COLD WAR

A REVIVALTIME SERMON ON THE ABC RADIO NETWORK.

BY C.M. WARD

EVERYONE IS AGREED THAT NO ONE wants war. Yet the threat of war is the biggest factor in our lives today. How much more pressure can law and order withstand?

This "war of nerves" (or "living on the brink," as Mr. Dulles has expressed it) is a fearful weapon. Recently the Research Institute of America was asked to evaluate the present situation. The Institute is one of the foremost research organizations in the world with a staff of 600 persons and an annual budget of \$5,000,000. General Albert Wedemeyer, who during World War II was in charge of U.S. global military planning, was interviewed by Richard Arens, committee staff director. This is what General Wedemeyer told the Institute:

"If I were a senior planner advising Khrushchev on his global operations, I would say: 'Mr. Khrushchev, don't you change your strategy, your tactics, your plans one iota; you're winning all over the world...'"

CONSTANT PRESSURE

The House Un-American Activities Investigating Committee brought from Germany the leader of the anti-Communist underground in Central Europe, Ernst Tillich. He was asked, "How late is it in Europe?" He replied: "It is a moment or two until midnight and the clock is moving fast." He continued, "The Communists have within Western Germany alone an estimated 70,000 to 120,000 Red agents..."

All of this means constant pressure. It means financial pressure upon the American taxpayer. State taxes alone this year will approximate 25 billion dollars, more than four times the spending at the close of World War II. In the last fiscal year the over-all state tax collections amounted to 88 per cent more than in 1950. That's state tax, not federal!

No one is ever free from this pres-

sure for a moment. The very air we breathe is a calculated risk. Every nuclear experiment pollutes and contaminates the atmosphere to a greater extent. Yet Dr. Libby, American physicist and member of the Atomic Energy Commission, says: "The risk of radioactive poisoning must be balanced against the risk to which the entire free world would be exposed if nuclear tests were abandoned before a safe international disarmament agreement has been brought about. The tests are necessary if the United States is not to be left behind in the development of nuclear weapons."

It is a well-known fact that one of the most widespread and dangerous elements absorbed by us is Strontium 90. It is stored in the bones and from there emits its rays into cells of red bone marrow, where the red and white corpuscles are made. Blood diseases, fatal in most cases, are the result. The cells of the reproductive organs are particularly sensitive to this element. Even relatively weak radiation may lead to fatal consequences. The most sinister aspect of both internal and external radiation is that years may pass before the evil consequences appear. Indeed, they make themselves felt, neither in the first nor second generation, but in the following ones. Generation after generation, for centuries to come, will witness the birth of an ever-increasing number of children with mental and physical defects.

Men of intelligence on both sides know these facts, but this "war of nerves" keeps right on!

NUCLEAR CONTAMINATION

Last year the Secretary-General of the United Nations was handed by 9,235 scientists of all nations their declaration that the radioactivity gradually created by nuclear tests represents a mounting danger for all parts of the world. They demanded an international agreement putting an end to nuclear

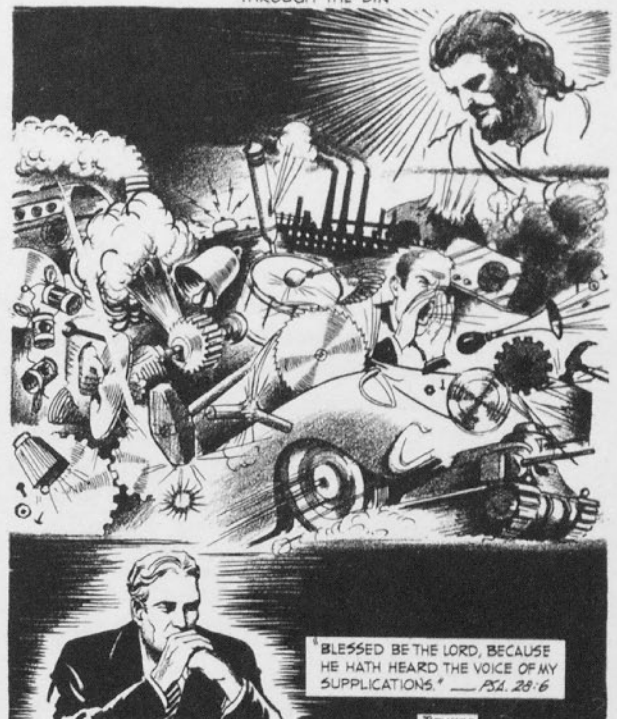
tests. They said: "We must not be responsible for the future birth of thousands of children with the most serious mental and physical defects because we did not pay enough attention to that danger. Only those who have never been present at the birth of a deformed baby, never witnessed the despair of its mother, dare to maintain that the risk of going on with nuclear tests is one which must be taken under existing circumstances."

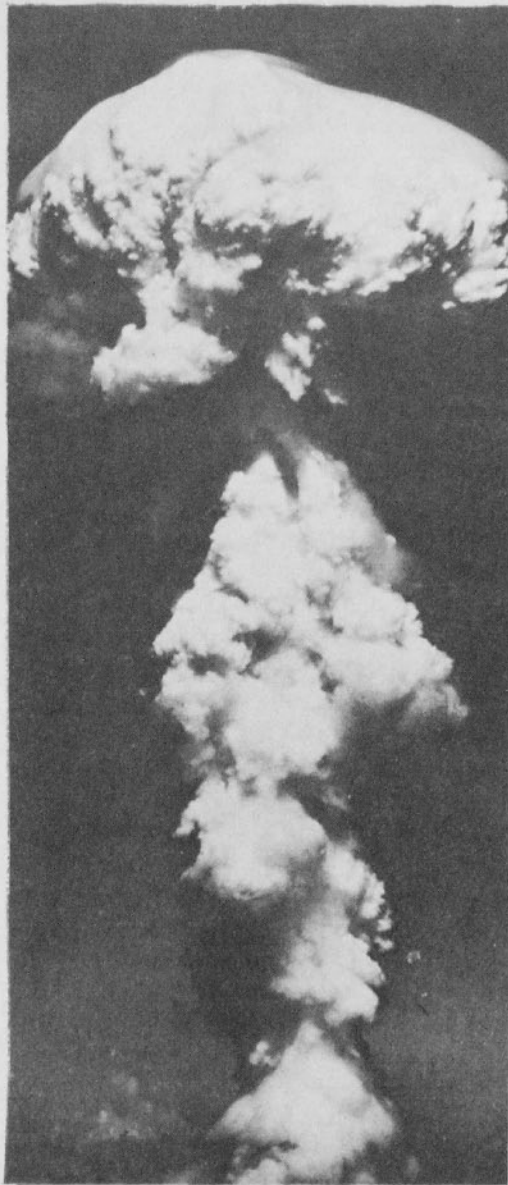
Jean Rostand, the French biologist and geneticist, calls the continuation of nuclear tests "the crime projected into the future..." But what can we do amid the constant threat of war? Debt, worry, fear, blackmail form an evil combination.

These constant threats of war have a numbing effect. We lose our sense of urgency. We are inclined to resort to an attitude of "business as usual." We get calloused to so many Communist-manufactured alarms. Last year in the Middle East, this year in Berlin,

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THROUGH THE DIN





This is a picture of perilous times indeed, the kind of times in which we live today.

A CRUMBLING WORLD

That the foundations of civilization are in the process of being destroyed, can hardly be a matter of dispute. Prophecy allows no room for optimism as regards world conditions in general. The picture is the same in every major national field, religiously, morally, economically and politically. Everywhere may be seen the signs of crumbling foundations—foundations laid by men who leave God out of account. This is the basic reason why all forms of human government eventually fail. This is why the United Nations (so-called) cannot possibly succeed. Although in some forms of government the idea of God is not opposed, and though it is even welcomed for political reasons if for little else, they all govern without God and fail without God.

The fallacy of government without God is graphically demonstrated in the Book of Judges. Before the nation of Israel was fully established in the land of promise, they began to ignore God. Their first national mistake recorded in this Book was compromise in the field of religion. A modern equivalent to this may be found in the United Nations where prayer is omitted in its sessions, in deference to those nations who do not believe in God. So the

FOUR STEPS TO DISASTER

The last five chapters of the Book of Judges tell the story of the declension of any nation. They contain four statements which provide the key to all the eventual failures of all the world's governments in all forms. "In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes."

The first mention of the absence of a king occurs in chapter 17 in connection with the idolatry and degenerate worship of Micah. The principle of the lesson is that in those days there was no king in the religious life of the individual. God was left out of the religion of the individual citizen.

The second of these statements is found in chapter 18 in connection with the idolatry and degenerate worship of the tribe of Dan. The principle of this second lesson is that in those days there was no king in the religious life of the people as a group. God was left out of the religious life of the nation as a whole.

The third statement occurs in chapter 19 in connection with the low moral standard of the people, if indeed there was any standard at all. There was no king in the moral realm. God was left out of the moral life of the nation.

The fourth statement constitutes the last verse of chapter 21, with which the Book is so fittingly concluded. The

God Is on the Throne

IF THE FOUNDATIONS BE DESTROYED, WHAT CAN THE RIGHTEOUS DO? THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE, THE LORD'S THRONE IS IN HEAVEN. PSALM 11:4.

BY WALTER H. BEUTTLER

THIS QUOTATION FROM THE ELEVENTH Psalm has a remarkable application to the present international situation. David does not explain the precise circumstances which occasioned his reference to "the Lord's throne," but what he does say is sufficient to show that he is speaking of troublous times. He speaks of foundations being destroyed, of a horrible tempest, of fire coming from heaven, and of fleeing to the shelter of the mountains for safety.

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Christian democracies prefer to offend God rather than those nations which are hostile to God. God can hardly be expected to bless procedures of which He has been deliberately shut out. It is not to be supposed that the mere offer of a perfunctory prayer would alter the picture any, but this omission is symptomatic of the nations' failure to recognize the throne-rights of God in the governments of the world. Religious compromise was the national sin which led Israel into degeneracy in every field, and finally into utter national ruin.

problems of this chapter, in connection with which the fourth statement is made, are both political and social. The principle of the lesson is that in those days there was no king in the political and social spheres. God was left out of political and social life of the nation.

By leaving God out of account, nations destroy their own foundations, be they ever so mighty. This is one of the deepest impressions made upon the visitor who stands within the arcades of the ancient Colosseum at Rome or wanders among the marble ruins of

the Roman Forum alongside Palatine Hill. But, as someone has said, "The only thing man learns from history is that he has learned nothing from it."

THE PSALMIST'S FAITH

"If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" It is apparent that David made this statement in reply to those who urged him to flee and said there was nothing else left to do. He seems to be almost incensed at the idea. "How say ye to my soul, Flee as a bird to your mountain" (Psalm 11:1)? He is in no mood to flee in panic, to leave the "exposed areas" for the relative safety of the "rural interior." He has a shelter and therefore an unequivocal answer. "In the Lord put I my trust" (v. 1). This is not the rash expression of a blind emotional faith. True faith is never blind. The basis of David's trust is his recognition of the fact that God is on the throne despite crumbling foundations. "The Lord is in his holy temple, the Lord's throne is in heaven" (v. 4). This explains the reason for David's confidence in the midst of shaking foundations, and for his poise in the midst of a tempest. By recognizing God on His throne, he acknowledges the government of God. He sees the faith-inspiring fact that, although nations reject the right of God to rule over them, they are unable to dethrone Him. Hallelujah!

Individuals and nations can reject God as Sovereign, but He remains Sovereign nevertheless. "The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all" (Psalm 103:19). In other words, God's throne is beyond the reach of man, and His government rules the governments of men. Whether by opposition to God or by co-operation with Him, men are destined to work out the ultimate purpose of God. There is no escape from His providential rule.

GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY

The righteous must see that the tottering of national foundations is the manifestation of the exercise of the government of God. "Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth."

In the meantime, however, these conditions subject God's people to a crucial test. "His eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men. The Lord trieth the righteous" (v. 4). God is here described as trying us with His eyelids. The thought has to do with scrutiny. He is taking us, as it

were, into sharper focus, scrutinizing us closely in order to observe our reaction in a crisis. He sees our plight. He notices every arrow of persecution or affliction. He wants to see whether we are going to flee or trust. He watches to see whether we will doubt or will acknowledge Him as Sovereign over all that transpires.

"His countenance doth behold the upright" (v. 7). This is sweet assurance in a time when men's hearts are failing them for fear. God will not forget to be gracious. "The Lord knoweth them that are His."

The foundations of men and nations must eventually collapse in order to prepare the way for the government

of the Lord of lords, and King of kings. God is destroying in order to build; He is removing the temporal in order to establish the eternal. Even the transient successes of the most ungodly nations in the history of the world have been, and are, but the scaffolding of God which He used and uses for the execution of His own ultimate designs. "I will overturn, overturn, overturn it: and it shall be no more, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it him" (Ezekiel 21:27).

ULTIMATE VICTORY

In the second Psalm, David describes the organized rebellion against the Christ of God by the nations of the

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READY FOR HIS COMING

I AM WRITING THIS IN TERGNIER, France. It is high noon and the French people are passing my window on their way home for lunch. They hustle this way and that, some on motor scooters and some on bicycles. A few housewives rush from shop to shop quickly purchasing food for lunch.

I watch the expressions on the faces of the people as they rush along and wonder what goes on inside their minds. "How many of them have God's peace in their hearts?" I ask myself. And I wonder how many would be ready to meet Jesus if He should come right now.

Being the wife of an Air Force sergeant has taught me much on the subject of readiness. I must be ready to travel on very short notice, while attending to the needs of my family and making a home for them. Most of the time, the days do not have enough hours for my many tasks. We are ever militant, ever on the alert, especially when we are on a tour of duty in a foreign country. It is the same with a soldier in God's great army. We must be alert at all times if we are to be ready when Jesus comes.

The Berlin crisis has brought fear and tension to many. People in France lie awake nights wondering how they can preserve their worldly goods should

the enemy strike, while so few realize the importance of preserving their souls. Men's hearts fail them as they fear for their lives, but they seldom think of where they will spend eternity.

We in the military are given much instruction on how to conduct ourselves in case of evacuation due to enemy attack. We are repeatedly told not to panic, but to keep calm and do as we are told. Today, more than ever, we need to seek out the instruction of God's Word pertaining to these perilous times. This is not a time for panic but for prayer. And how we need to pray! It is not a time for fear but for faith. Jesus said, "When ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified... Look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."

This is not a time for hoarding but for giving. We should give freely of our time and money to get the gospel out. It is a time to prove by the way we live and talk that we believe in and are ready for Christ's coming. Many sense the awful urgency of the times, but they do not know what is most urgent. Spread the word that Christ is coming, and "be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh" (Matthew 24:44).

—Mrs. Lexie B. Oakes

AT THE CROSSROADS OF HISTORY

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The events of the centuries converge upon the day in which we live. The Bible has much to say about these crucial times.

SURELY WE STAND AT THE CROSSROADS OF HISTORY. Something has to happen. The *status quo*, internationally, cannot be maintained forever. We cannot always keep a stalemate. Sooner or later will come the climax. Forces building up all over the world are too tremendous to be contained forever. They must eventually give vent to themselves. May the Holy Spirit save us from being like those of Jesus' day who could not discern the signs of their times and allowed history to rush past them on the wings of the whirlwind.

MYSTERIOUS FORCES AT WORK

Strange forces have been unleashed on the human race in our day—forces that are mysterious, elusive, difficult to understand. This is because they are spiritual. The one great obstacle which stands in the way of our political leaders in their attempt to cope with our problems is this: they do not realize that back of the whole struggle there are enormous spiritual forces, both righteous and wicked. The Bible teaches that Satan not only dominates all unbelievers individually, but also has a great deal of control in the affairs of nations and governments. In Isaiah 14:12 he is given credit for weakening nations. In Revelation 16:13-16 we read of armies drawn to Armageddon by the direct influence of demon forces. Clearly Satan himself is the author and perpetrator of Communism. It is the vehicle he has fashioned for the last great effort to de-

throne God. Communism is a spiritual force—an *evil* force, to be sure, but one propelled by powers outside this natural world.

Think also of the subject of warfare. Some of the prophetic passages in the Bible picturing the warfare of the future once sounded fantastic, but no longer. Out of World War Two there came the expression "total war" and that is just what warfare has now become. The second chapter of Joel is a classic prophecy of the last-day clash of arms. What a picture: "A fire devoureth before them, and behind them a flame burneth... Like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap; like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble... Before their face the people shall be much pained; all faces shall gather blackness... they shall climb the wall like men of war... The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble." It sounds more like the report of a war correspondent in our day than the writings of an Old Testament prophet.

Richard G. Hubler, author of a book about the Strategic Air Command, says that in attempting to describe the terrible power now possessed by the U. S. Air Force nothing but the language of the Book of Revelation is adequate. He feels that there is nothing at all outlandish in John's prophecy of a river of blood as high as the horses' bridles and 1600 furlongs in length. Mr. Hubler declares that some scientists actually fear that too many H-

bomb explosions too close together will literally roll up the atmosphere of the earth like a scroll, as Revelation predicts, and make it impossible for human life to exist here. He further states that the description, in Revelation 9:1-11, of locusts that sting like scorpions and torment men for a five-month period is close to being an exact picture of the effects of radioactive poisoning.

GREAT INCREASE IN KNOWLEDGE

Think of men's knowledge as we stand at the crossroads of history. Daniel prophesied that "knowledge shall be increased." But who would have ventured to think that man would split the atom or shoot rockets past the moon? Who could have imagined the voice of an American president being radioed back to earth from a satellite circling our globe?

There are words and expressions in our vocabulary which are now used commonly by school children, but a few years ago were unheard of or known only by a few. Think of "intercontinental ballistic missile;" "radar;" "sputnik;" "nuclear;" "thermonuclear;" "fallout;" "supersonic;" "cyclotron;" "radioactive." And on and on we could go.

But rather than being a blessing, advanced knowledge has generated more fear than the human heart has ever had to endure before. It all had to come to pass that God's Word might be fulfilled. We have come down to the end of this age. We are on the



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brink of events that will be terrible for the unsaved but glorious for the Christian who expects to see his Lord. Make no mistake about it: Jesus is coming soon. The heavens declare it; the earth declares it; the Scriptures declare it; the Holy Spirit declares it. Would that all could respond, "Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

HUMANS ACTING LIKE BEASTS

But think, for a moment, of man's morals at this crossroads point in history. Jesus compared the end-time to Noah's day. Among other things, we are told in Genesis 6:11 that in Noah's time "the earth was filled with violence." Do you read your newspaper?

Why You Should Study Prophecy

By Arthur Pettie

Seattle, Washington

A CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR STATED IN my hearing that many are "exploiting prophecy instead of expounding it." It is because of this that Christians do not study and meditate upon prophecy as they should. Therefore, I give the readers of the *Evangel* these reasons why they should study prophecy:

1. *There is a definite command to do so.* The Lord through His messenger Isaiah commands us: "Seek ye out of the book of the Lord, and read" (Isaiah 34:16). If you are not studying prophecy as set forth in the Word of God, you are disobeying that command. The Lord Jesus commands: "Search the scriptures . . . they are they which testify of me" (John 5:39).

2. *The prophetic writings prove the divine inspiration of the Scriptures and show that their Author is God, and that He only is God.* Here is the Lord's challenge to all demon and occult powers: "Shew the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that ye are gods" (Isaiah 41:23).

"Prophecy is a miracle of utterance,"

Do you hear of the happenings of this hour? Violence is the order of this day to a degree unknown in past history. This does not apply merely to nations, but to individuals: parents killing children; children killing parents; senseless, stupid, horrible crimes that make the blood run cold.

In both Daniel's prophecy and the Book of Revelation, human governments in the last days are pictured under the imagery of *beasts*—typical of the low moral conditions of men at the end-time. And space does not permit a discussion of the sexual lawlessness of our day; of the tragic breakdown of the home through divorce; of the lying, cheating, dishon-

and only God can give it. Only God can say, "Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I [the Hebrew is emphatic, and means *I only*] declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them" (Isaiah 42:9).

Years ago an American newspaper offered \$1,000 to the person who would successfully predict a great event to happen that year. There were no takers, and yet that year the Spanish-American war startled the nation. "The prophecy came not in old time [nor at any time] by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (2 Peter 1:21). Therefore, they are the living oracles of the living God.

3. *Prophecy is a light in a dark place.* "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place" (2 Peter 1:19). The world is a dark place. There is spiritual ignorance and dark superstition everywhere. The word "dark" as used by Peter is a peculiar one, meaning *dry, dismal, foul, and dirty*. This world is dismal; there is no human light to cheer it; it is foul with the works of the devil and dirty with his crimes.

What a treasure we have in the prophetic Word in such a world as this! When the question is asked, "How bright is the future?" the immediate answer of the Christian is, "As bright as the promises of God." Therefore let us study the prophetic Word.

4. *God Himself has made much of prophecy.* Of the thirty-nine books of the Old Testament, sixteen are books of the prophets. The Psalms are full

of prophecy, and there is much prophecy in the Pentateuch. In the study of the Bible we consider the law of space. That is, we note the amount of space given to any subject, and then make much of that subject of which God makes much.

THE FALLING AWAY

Though it pains my heart to do so, there is another condition which I must mention, for it contributes directly to the situation at the end of the age. In Second Thessalonians 2:3 we read, "For that day shall not come except there *come a falling away first.*" I believe that nearly every translation except the King James reads "except

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of prophecy, and there is much prophecy in the Pentateuch. In the study of the Bible we consider the law of space. That is, we note the amount of space given to any subject, and then make much of that subject of which God makes much.

The New Testament contains much prophecy: our Lord, Paul, Peter, John, and Jude give us prophecy. What place does the word of prophecy have in your Bible reading, teaching, and thinking?

5. *Prophecy has occupied the minds and hearts of believers of all the ages.* From Adam in Eden to John on Patmos the prophetic Word was treasured as a sacred gift from God. Certainly Adam passed on to his posterity the prophecy of Genesis 3:15. How much the believers in God of all former times valued and cherished the prophecies is stated by the writer to the Hebrews. In these words he sums up the heart attitude of them all: "These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth" (Hebrews 11:13). "O God, to us may grace be given to follow in their train."

6. *Prophecy is a subject preached by young people and presented to young believers.* All the prophets of whom we have certain knowledge were young men when they preached prophecy. Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel, Hosea—these were all young men when called to the prophetic office. Paul taught prophecy to very young believers in

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Night crowd at Eastern Regional Convention, Washington, D. C.

REGIONAL CONVENTIONS ADD ZEAL TO SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The three regional Sunday School conventions sponsored by the Assemblies of God during March and April infused many workers with new zeal for soul winning. The urgency of the hour in which we live added significance to the convention theme: "Reach this generation."

The estimated attendance at the eastern regional convention in Washington, D. C. was 3,000 while the central convention at Springfield, Mo., drew 4,000 and total attendance at the western convention at Stockton, Calif. was about 2,500. Thus a total of 9,500 different people attended the conventions. About half the people indicated they never had attended a Sunday School convention previously.

"Reach youth" was the theme the first night, "Reach and teach" was the second night's theme in each convention, and "Reach now" was the emphasis given the final night.

At each convention the mornings were spent in united sessions, the afternoons in 29 workshops. Outstanding addresses were given in the night rallies. Three visual presentations, two vu-graph features, and a parade of "Word of Life" Sunday School literature added variety to the convention program.



There were 29 afternoon workshops and they were well attended at each of the regional conventions. *At left*, Mrs. Victor Trimmer of Wichita, Kans. teaches "Nursery Planarama." *At right*, Miss Martha Fellows of Springfield, Mo. teaches Crafts.



Two of the most impressive features of each convention were the visual presentations through which God spoke to many hearts. The scene



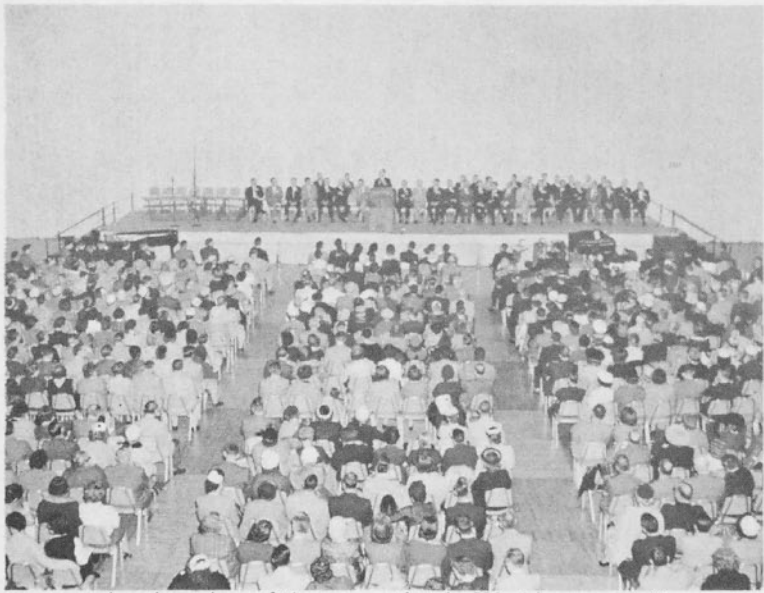
at left is from the visual, "Watchman, What of the Night?" the scene *at right* is from "Muddy Feet."



Some of the busiest people at the conventions were the registration officials, some of whom are shown *at left*. Music for each convention was furnished by the Bible Schools in the respective regions. Here (*center*) the Eastern Bible Institute choir is shown singing under the



direction of R. A. Kremfels. *At right* is a typical convention scene. It shows Jack Kuykendahl of Eugene, Oreg. and his Pastor, W. Murray McLees, receiving an attendance award from C. W. Denton, National Sunday School Secretary.



Another view of the convention in Washington, D. C.



Congregation at the Regional Convention, Springfield, Mo.



Outstanding speakers were heard each night. William E. Kirschke and Bert Webb, shown in conversation *at left*, preached at all three conventions. Brooks Hays (*center*) was the first night speaker at



Washington. Phil Gaglardi, shown in TV interview *at right*, preached the opening night at both Springfield and Stockton. Other speakers were heard in the morning sessions.



Dozens of interesting displays were featured in the Exhibits at the Regional Sunday School Conventions. Four are shown here.



The leadership luncheon was an important sidelight at each convention. The theme was "On to a million" in 1960. *Photo at left* shows the speakers' table. *Photo at right* shows a male quartet of



National Sunday School Department personnel in a "singing commercial" to advertise the International Sunday School Convention, to be held at Minneapolis, Minnesota May 3-5, 1960.



THIS PRESENT WORLD

Peace

GENERAL SAYS ONLY HOPE FOR WORLD PEACE IS THE COMING OF JESUS

"The only hope for a peaceful world is in the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ," says Lt. Gen. William K. Harrison in a recent issue of *Christianity Today*.

General Harrison, who was senior United Nations delegate throughout the Korean armistice talks at Panmunjom, rejects pacifist proposals, noting that "then we would have to accept passively all the acts of a Communist tyranny." On the other hand, he holds little hope for lasting peace through military might.

He advises Christians to: (1) "use whatever influence we have to see that our country deals honestly and, as far as possible, peacefully with other nations"; (2) "warn people of the coming judgment of God"; (3) "spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ"; (4) "live in a way that proves that we have conviction in our preaching"; and (5) "pray for peace in the hope that God will delay His judgment."

Press

MAGAZINE LAUNCHES CRUSADE TO "WIN TRUCK DRIVERS FOR CHRIST"

A crusade to "win truck drivers for Christ" was launched at Flint, Mich. with the publication of a 16-page periodical called *The Christian Truck Driver*. Edited by Wendell J. Goodwin of Flint, it is the official organ of the Christian Truck Drivers Association, a nondenominational group "hoping to do for the truck driver what the Gideons have done for salesmen."

Slogan of the association is, "A Bible Instead of a Bottle in Every Truck."

FORMER QUEEN WILHELMINA'S FAITH DESCRIBED IN HER MEMOIRS

The memoirs of Princess Wilhelmina, who ruled the Netherlands for fifty years (from 1898 to 1948), were pub-

lished recently. Eighty thousand copies were ordered in advance of publication.

If the buyers hoped to find some political revelations in the book they were disappointed. It is an eloquent statement of the former queen's religious faith. Entitled *Lonely But Not Alone*, the book describes the loneliness of life in high places.

Preaching

"PREACHING MISSION" LAUNCHED BY JEWS

A nationwide "Preaching Mission" has been launched by Reformed Jews. The first mission was at Har Sinai Temple, Trenton, N. J., whose rabbi, J. O. Haberman, is chairman of the Committee on Unaffiliated which is sponsoring the preaching mission.

Purpose of the preaching mission, which will spread to all parts of the country, is to open the door to those who wish to learn about Judaism, said Rabbi Haberman. It is directed both to Jews and to non-Jews. "We want to dispel any notion that Judaism is a closed faith," he said.

BILLY GRAHAM SPEAKS OF EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE ON THE MOON

Evangelist Billy Graham, in the course of his record-smashing meetings in Sydney, Australia, made some eyebrow-raising statements.

One night he told his audience of 21,000 that he thinks Soviet Premier Khrushchev believes in God "in his heart." He said the Communist boss "let slip" his belief three years ago in Britain where he said, on one occasion, "God have mercy on them." Said Graham: "His mind may tell him there is no God, but his heart contradicts his mind. When Khrushchev is alone or in trouble, he believes there is a God."

A few nights later Graham spoke of holding evangelistic crusades on other planets. "We may even hold a crusade on the moon one day," he told a crowd of 67,000 people. "It is something that should not be laughed

at. I think some of these planets around us are inhabited," he declared. He said the Bible "tells us there are other powers and principalities in heavenly places."

"The human race is not the only race God created," he added. "Christ had great glory before the world was ever made. He was the Crown Prince of many dominions and principalities."

Prayer

PRAYER PART OF WHITE HOUSE RULES

A reporter asked Bernard Shanley, White House special counsel, if President Eisenhower laid down any hard-and-fast rules for the staff's behavior.

"Yep," he replied, "and they're very simple. He laid them down to the staff right after he was inaugurated and he tells them to each new staff member. They are: 'I want everybody smiling around here. Always take your job seriously, but never yourself. Don't forget to pray.'"

KANSAS CAPITOL TO HAVE MEDITATION CHAPEL

By order of a concurrent resolution in both houses of the Kansas legislature, a meditation chapel for use by all faiths will be installed in the State House building at Topeka.

Prisons

PRISON POPULATION INCREASES

Federal Bureau of Prisons Director James V. Bennett reported that the number of inmates in our federal prisons jumped 1,200 in 1958 over the previous year—the tenth successive year it has increased—and now stands at the unprecedented high of 21,900. Mr. Bennett stated that "close and maximum prisons" are now "filled beyond capacity."

According to a report of the Federal Prison Bureau, published in August, 1958, the total population of state institutions was 174,994, an increase of 3.3 per cent over the previous year.

An interesting and significant report

released recently says that "prison wardens estimate from 80 to 85 per cent of all convicts are incarcerated because of alcohol." The same report states that one arrest for drunkenness is made somewhere in the United States every six seconds.

EVILS OF IMMODESTY CITED

Dr. Luchtenstein, Physician of Tombs Prison in New York City, is quoted in *Christian Victory* magazine as saying that "the so-called crimes of passion are increasing alarmingly, and will continue to do so in my opinion until the principal cause is eliminated. This, it seems to me, is the present style of dress which, to say the least, is immodest. Immodest dress has a direct bearing on crime incitation, no matter how innocent the wearer may be."

(Dr. Luchtenstein has worked with 170,000 prisoners in his 12 years at the prison.)

Potpourri

P.T.A. GROUP OPPOSES THANKSGIVING DAY CHRISTMAS PARADES

The Durham, N.C., Council of Parent-Teacher Associations has requested the Durham Merchants Association to postpone the annual Christmas parade on Thanksgiving Day.

"We feel that the holding of your parade on Thanksgiving Day is contrary to the spirit of, and interferes with, the proper observance of Thanksgiving Day," the Council said. It asked the merchants to wait until after Thanksgiving before promoting Christmas business.

TENNESSEE COUNTY COURT UPHOLDS ANTI-EVOLUTION LAW

By a unanimous vote, the Rutherford county quarterly court "condemned and rejected" a request by a group of teachers to repeal Tennessee's anti-evolution law.

Under the law it is illegal to teach the theory of evolution in any school supported in whole or in part by state funds. Any teacher who violates the law may be fined \$100 to \$500 for each offense.

MISSOURI SENATE KILLS HORSE-RACING BILL

A bill to authorize pari-mutuel betting on horse races in the state was killed by the Missouri Senate. Senator C. R. Hawkins, who led the fight against passage of the measure, asserted in a speech from the floor of the General Assembly that gambling centers constitute "cesspools of hell."

EVANGEL DEADLINE

... LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

A RECORD MISSIONARY OFFERING of \$313,000 was given or pledged to World Missions by The Peoples Church, Toronto, Canada, during their annual missionary convention last month. It is the largest missionary offering yet given in the thirty-year history of the Peoples Church. The convention was under the leadership of Oswald J. Smith, founder of the church.

THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA has set up a committee of ten, including clergymen and doctors, to study the entire field of anointing and healing.

CONSERVATIVE BAPTISTS now have 976 churches in 39 states and they are growing rapidly. Their slogan is "409 New Churches in 1959." Dr. Russell A. Pavy, president of the Conservative Baptist Association of America, said it claims third place in the establishment of new churches, "next to the Assemblies of God and the Southern Baptist Convention."

DURING APRIL \$67,000,000 IN NEW CHURCH CONSTRUCTION was begun according to a report by the Departments of Commerce and Labor in Washington, D. C. The 1959 figure is running 9 per cent higher than last year. Church construction, spurred by population growths especially in new suburban areas, is expected to strike new highs for years to come. Some experts estimate that at least 5,000 new churches must be built annually to cope with this challenge; others set the figure as high as 10,000.

THE U. S. INFORMATION AGENCY says that pictures of American churches will be included in an exhibit of American architecture that will be featured at the American National Exhibition in Moscow this summer. The Russians will be told that during the past 15 years since 1944 the people of the United States have built 40,000 churches and synagogues, half a million school classrooms, and 14 million single family homes.

EVANGELIST ORAL ROBERTS dedicated his new office building, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, last month. The four-million-dollar air-conditioned structure of modern design, without windows, will house the business activities of 453 employees of the Oral Roberts Evangelistic Association.

A NEBRASKA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE unanimously killed a measure which would have closed most retail businesses on Sundays.

LEGISLATION TO LEGALIZE HORSE RACE BETTING on the island of Maui, Hawaiian Islands, was defeated 44 to 7 by the Territorial House of Representatives. Opposition by the churches and other groups was so strong that a similar bill for Hawaii island was returned to the committee without reaching the floor.

THE OBSCENE LITERATURE ORDINANCE for Omaha, Nebraska, was ruled unconstitutional by the Nebraska Supreme Court. It said the ordinance was written in "vague and uncertain" language.

A CUYAHOGA COUNTY GRAND JURY has indicted Richard Toth of Rudy's Delicatessen for possession of obscene materials. He is the fourth Cleveland merchant to be indicted on similar charges within the past 14 months.

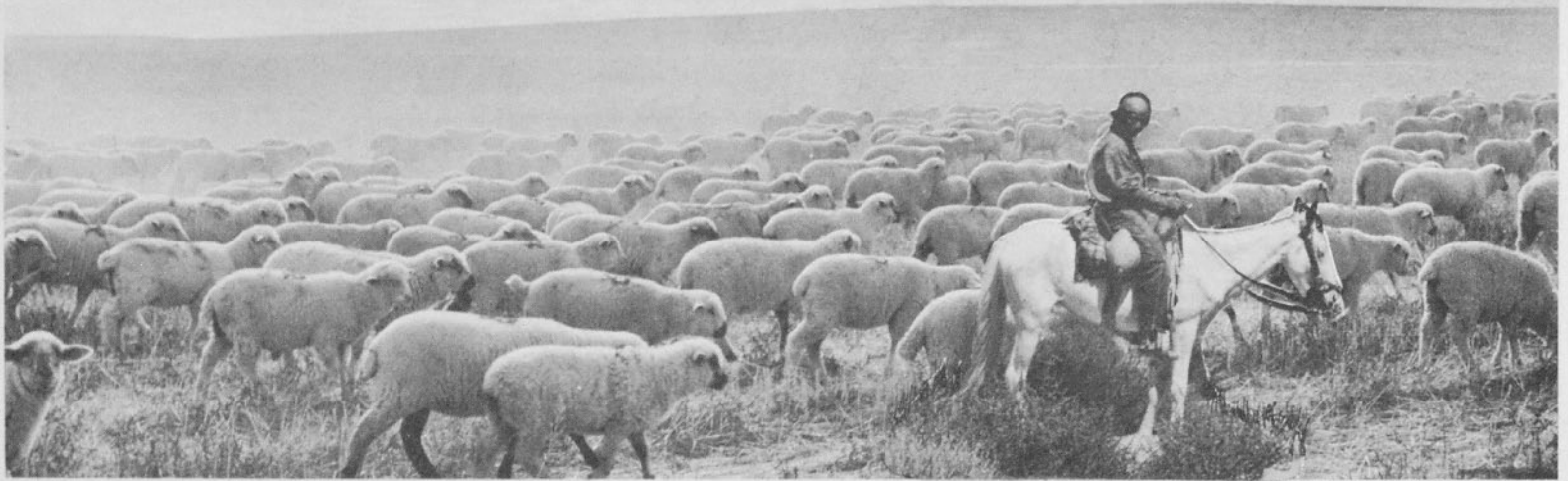


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HOME MISSIONS

I Am a Shepherd

Musings of a Christian Navajo Shepherd

THE NAVAJO MEDICINE MEN HAVE many chants. One goes like this: "Beauty is before me... Beauty is behind me... Beauty is above me... Beauty is below me... Beauty is all about me..."

If the medicine man is speaking of the scenery on the Navajo Reservation his statements are full of truth, for surely no more beautiful places are to be found. But, spiritually speaking, there is no beauty for thousands of my people.

Perhaps most of you have seen my country only in the summer when the sun is shining. You always think of the desert in that way—the intense heat making shimmering waves across the barren earth, mirages of lakes leaping up before you in the distance, then fading away as you draw near, leaving you with a strange feeling of awe and

This article was written by Mrs. Inez Bryant of Whittier, Calif. In it she puts herself in the place of a Navajo shepherd who has found Christ, expressing his love for his fellow Indians and his yearning that they too might be saved.

Extremely dry weather on the reservation this past spring resulted in the loss of many lambs at birth because the ewes were weakened from hunger. However, a missionary on the reservation wrote to us on May 1 saying that the Lord has sent rain and the grass is growing. Let us pray that the spiritual thirst of the Navajos may also be satisfied.

mystery. But summer is not always with us.

In winter the snow covers the endless stretches of the reservation desert. Most of my people live in homes called hogans. The floors are the bare earth, and the cold wind comes in through every tiny crack in the mud between the logs of the walls. There are few warm blankets or quilts. Our beds are sheep skins on the floor. Our clothing is often thin and affords little protection against the biting cold.

The snow in its pure whiteness is beautiful, and those words found in Isaiah 1:18 are meant for us, too: "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow..." Beauty in the snow? Very little for the Navajo, except as a symbol of sins forgiven for those of us who know the Lord. Why do not more know?

I am a shepherd. My father and his father were shepherds. For years we, and many like us, have guided our flocks over this land, searching out the best feeding places and the wells of water for our sheep. We are surrounded by the beauty of the desert. What of those many Navajo shepherds? Can they say with the Psalmist: "The Lord is my shepherd..."? I know that Christ has said, "I am

the good shepherd... I lay down my life for the sheep." But very few know this. Other shepherds still roam over the desert with their sheep, walking in the desert sunshine perhaps, but with their hearts still black as night. Of what do they think? Varied thoughts, but none centers upon that greatest Shepherd of all. Do you know why?

The rains come to the desert and the heart of the Navajo is glad. Water is so precious to us. Often we thirst physically. My people also thirst spiritually. Jesus said, "Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: but whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." Will you not help us Christian Navajos to lead others of our people to partake of this well of everlasting water?

We Navajos have different ways of travel. Some ride horses, some have pickups or cars, others have wagons. As we ride along in the cars or wagons we bounce over rocks, and in the distance we see the mountains and mesas and often a pointed rock formation which reaches like a giant finger into the sky. Beautiful? Oh, yes! But how many of my people have heard of Christ, the spiritual Rock? When I see the mountains I think of that "great day of wrath" when men shall say to the rocks and the mountains, "Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb." But many know nothing of this that shall come upon them. Are they not your neighbors?

The roads on our reservation vary from the wide, paved highways to the narrow roads worn into ruts by the

wheels of wagons and trucks, and to the paths beaten out by the feet of those who walk from place to place. All wind through places unmatched for beauty. Before I began to read the Word of God these roads were simply the way I took to reach a destination. Now as I look at them I am reminded of these words: "Broad is the way that leadeth to destruction... narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life..." In my heart I cry out, "Broad is the way, and many are the Navajos on their way to destruction... narrow is the way, and oh, so few of my people are in it!"

When the winter snow has been deep and the rains have been plentiful the spring desert is covered with flowers of many lovely colors, and the sheep find grass for food. But the flowers fade and the grass withers, and I know that such is the life of man. So many of my people die each day, having never heard of the cleansing blood of Christ.

Each day I see Navajo women mix flour, water, and baking powder into dough. Then a small ball of this dough is stretched and patted until it is a large, flat piece. This is dropped into a skillet of hot grease, and in a few minutes the "fry bread" is ready to eat. I am reminded again of the Scriptures and these words, "I am that bread of life."

Throughout the day so many things remind me of my lost people—the

sheep we slaughter for food, the lost sheep I must find, the chant of the medicine man as he tries to bring healing for some darkened, superstitious Navajo.

Is there beauty on the reservation? Yes, it is the handiwork of our God. But the beauty I would have for my people is not here. "Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us" (Psalm 90:17).

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"How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?" (Romans 10:14, 15a) Are you doing all in your power to see that Christ becomes truly the *Good Shepherd* to the Navajo?

Praying, giving and going are all important parts of the Great Commission. All of us can do at least one of them. Pray for the 115 Assemblies of God home missionaries among the American Indians, that they may have added strength for their tasks and be able to win many to Christ while there is time.

If it is possible for you to contribute to the INDIAN MISSIONS FUND, send your offering today to—

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Sinus Trouble

AFTER SUFFERING FROM SINUS TROUBLE for over twenty years, and trying every new medication as it came on the market, Mrs. Laone Licquia was still without relief. Then, in a Sunday morning service during a revival campaign, God spoke to her heart and promised to deliver her if she would obey Him. Here is her story in her own words:

"I attend the Assembly of God in Harvey, Ill., and we recently had a revival with Philip Jackson as the evangelist. One Sunday morning, all through the service, I could feel the Lord dealing with me. I had a strong impression that I should ask for prayer for my sinus, but I was so busy praying for others to be healed that I tried to shut my mind to this impression.

"As I was praying a voice said very clearly, He will call for sinus sufferers to come forward to be prayed for.

"The words were repeated very softly and gently, then Brother Jackson's voice broke in upon my thoughts and I heard him saying the very words that the Lord had shown me a minute earlier. I went forward almost unable to walk as I realized that God had spoken to me and that I would be healed.

"The evangelist and my pastor, William J. Sawyers, prayed and I was healed by the time I sat down in the front seat. I couldn't hear for a few seconds—my ear drums felt as though they would break. Then the sinus started draining and the soreness around my eyes disappeared.


"I am completely healed and I want to give God all the glory for it."—Mrs. Laone Licquia, 3145 Nottingham, Markham, Ill.

(Endorsed by Pastor William J. Sawyers, Harvey, Ill.)

Deafness

I had been deaf in my left ear for many years. Then, during a revival service in our church, our pastor, David Griffin, prayed for me. Now I can hear out of my left ear for God wonderfully healed me. I give Him all the praise.—Mrs. Raymond Ptack, 15539 Burr St., Taylor, Mich.

(Endorsed by Pastor David G. Griffen, Wyandotte Assembly of God, Wyandotte, Mich.)



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SUCH QUESTIONS AS, "IS MY CHILD old enough to be saved?" or, "Should I wait until he is older so that I can be certain the decision is his own?" enter the mind of every Christian parent at one time or another. The answers are in the Bible. One of Jesus' many lessons to His disciples revealed the value of a child's soul. It is found in Matthew 18:1-14. Jesus made several important statements in this text which every Christian should weigh.

In Matthew 18:3 He said, "Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." He did not say that a child must become as an adult to be admitted into the Kingdom of heaven, but rather He stated that the adult must lower himself to the child's standard. The child is already on the level where conversion takes place. Here is one important reason for the conversion of the young child, for the older he grows, the more difficult it will become for him to regain his child-like standard.

Humility, as stated in verse 4, is a childlike quality. The teen-ager or adult must "humble himself," while the child already possesses this characteristic. The small child is dependent upon someone else for everything in life. Therefore, it will seem natural to him to depend upon a Greater Being for his spiritual help.

According to verse 5, the one who leads the child to accept Christ receives the same blessing as though he had accepted the Lord again for himself. This rich blessing is realized by the parent, children's worker, teacher, or evangelist who leads a child to the Saviour.

"But whoso shall offend one of these

little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!"

Jesus pronounces a woe to the individual who causes a child to stumble: that person is promised everlasting fire. Let us be careful lest we be responsible for a young person's fall through failure to point him to the Way while he is a child.

Often a little child is not considered old enough for conversion, nor as important as an adult. However, they are the "greatest in the kingdom of heaven," and, "Their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven," Jesus said. So let us never say, "There were *only children* at the altar," but rather, if we *must*

evaluate souls, let us say, "There were *only adults* at the altar." A child has a complete life before him, with vocational decisions which can be made for the work of the Lord, while the adult may have little time left, and most likely has made all of his permanent vocational decisions which cannot easily be altered.

Contrary to common thought, the parable of the lost sheep, recorded in Matthew 18:12-14, was originally applied by Jesus to "the little ones." Therefore, shouldn't we first seek the children and then the adults? For the Father's will is that not one child perish. A child need not die in order to perish from childhood, but he naturally grows out of this state. Why should we not put forth an even greater effort to win the little ones around us—in our homes and churches—before they pass from childhood into the more difficult stages of life? ◀ ◀



HAVE YOU EVER SEEN A REAL PEARL, created by God's own hand? Such a pearl is lustrous, capable of reflecting light, yet it does not thrust itself upon the eye. It lacks the blinding glitter of other jewels, and has instead a quiet, restful beauty of its own.

The pearl does not clamor for a place of special honor in a setting, but is content to nestle close to those of like size and beauty.

It is formed in the depths of the wild, restless sea, buffeted by ocean currents. Its life begins when a tiny particle of foreign matter enters into the hard shell which is to be its prison-home. That particle causes an irritation in the lining of the shell, and the oyster covers the irritation with a layer of mineral matter. As long as the source of irritation remains, the oyster continues to produce more covering

and the mass grows. The longer this process continues, the larger the pearl becomes.

Then one day the diver comes and gathers his net full of oysters. He spreads them on the beach in the glaring sun where they dry until the shells fall apart. After the sun has done its work, the search for pearls begins, and those who seek rejoice over even a few of the valuable gems.

This is not unlike the process by which God works in our lives. He may have to plant a source of irritation in your life to cause your useless prison house to produce a jewel of matchless worth. You may feel as if you are buried in the depths of despair, buffeted without, irritated within. Trials and tribulations like ocean currents push you to and fro while the precious gem develops, not painlessly, but steadily.

You see others seemingly carefree and ask, "Why must I suffer so? Why cannot I be like them?" But even if it were possible for you to thwart God's design for enriching your life through suffering, would you sacrifice the opportunity to become one of God's jewels? Would you forego the eternal joy just to be rid of the present irritation?

One day, perhaps very soon, the Master will come seeking His jewels. And when He, whose "eyes are as a flame of fire," shall search the hearts of men in that day, only those who have accepted the irritations and the buffetings of life as opportunities to prove His grace will be counted among His jewels. "And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him" (Malachi 3:17).

TREASURES

One by one He took them from me,
 All the things I valued most,
 Until I was empty-handed;
 Every glittering toy was lost,
 And I walked earth's highways, grieving,
 In my rags and poverty,
 Till I heard His voice inviting,
 "Lift your empty hands to Me!"
 So I held my hands toward heaven,
 And He filled them with a store
 Of His own transcendent riches,
 Till they could contain no more.
 And at last I comprehended
 With my stupid mind and dull,
 That God could not pour His riches
 Into hands already full!

—Martha Snell Nicholson



DAILY BIBLE READINGS BY R. G. CHAMPION

Monday, June 15

Read: Psalm 29

Learn: "Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness" (Psalm 29:2).

For the Parent: This is a psalm of worship and praise to God. Point out: (1) we are to give glory and strength to our God; (2) worship to God should be in an attitude and atmosphere of holiness—separation from the world and separation unto God. Also point out the strength and power of the voice of God, vv. 3-9. As we give glory and strength to Him (v. 1), He gives strength and blessing unto us (v. 11).

Question time: How should we worship God? (v. 2) What, in essence, is holiness? (See above)

Tuesday, June 16

Read: Psalm 30

Learn: "O Lord my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me" (Psalm 30:2).

For the Parent: The introduction to this psalm tells us it was used at the dedication of David's house. It shows how God has helped us in many ways. Point out some of these. Then ask the members of the family group to discuss some of the ways God has helped your family. Remembering this will help them have faith for God to meet future needs. Have a season of praise to God for His faithfulness to your family.

Question Time: For how long did David say he would give thanks to God? (v. 12) Does this indicate anything to you about life after death?

Wednesday, June 17

Read: Psalm 31:1-3, 15-24

Learn: "Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee" (Psalm 31:19).

For the Parent: This psalm begins with a prayer for God's help and strength. It also expresses a confidence in God's ability to help, and appeals for guidance for the sake of God's holy name (vv. 1-3). David also recognized that God controlled his life (v. 15). Stress: (1) the sin of lying, v. 18; (2) the importance and reward of fearing God, v. 19; (3) the importance and reward of loving God, vv. 23, 24.

Question Time: Who controls our life-span? (v. 15) What reward is there for them that fear God? (v. 19) That love Him? (v. 23)

Thursday, June 18

Read: Acts 18:24-28, 2 Timothy 2:20-26

Learn: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed" (2 Timothy 2:15).

For the Parent: (Additional information on "Apollos, the Uninstructed Preacher" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Review the lives of Aquila and Priscilla (studied last week). Then discuss Apollos, showing: (1) his zeal; (2) his incomplete knowledge and information; (3) his teachableness; (4) the great results he had. None of us knows all there is to know about God and His Word. Every Christian should study God's Word regularly and eagerly.

Question Time: How did Acquila and Priscilla help Apollos? (Acts 18:26)

Friday, June 19

Read: 1 Samuel 1:11, 17; 3:8-18 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

Learn: "Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth" (1 Samuel 3:9).

For the Parent: Review the story of the birth of Samuel and of how he happened to be serving in the temple at an early age. Since we know God sees the heart, He must have seen much sincerity and love for God in the heart of this lad. Discuss how God called to Samuel, and how He spoke to him. God is still calling for boys and girls, men and women, to hear and obey Him. Let us be listening for His voice.

Question Time: How did God call Samuel? (3:3, 4) Who did Samuel think was calling him? (3:5) What happened? (3:8-18)

Saturday, June 20

Read: Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 2:1-12 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

Learn: "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost" (Matthew 3:11).

For the Parent: When Christ went back to heaven, He sent the Holy Spirit to be with us and help us. Review some of the promises He gave regarding the Holy Spirit and His ministry: John 14:16, 17; John 16:7; Acts 1:8. Stress the fact that the Holy Spirit helps us live overcoming Christian lives. He also helps us witness to others about Christ. The first evidence of being filled with the Spirit is described in Acts 2:4.

Question Time: What is the first evidence of the Holy Spirit baptism? (Acts 2:4) How does the Holy Spirit help us witness? (Acts 1:8)



WHAT THIS GRAD

History was made at Springfield, Missouri, last month when degrees class. The baccalaureate address, delivered by R. M. Riggs, General

MR. PRESIDENT, GRADUATING CLASS of 1959, faculty, staff, student body, friends and supporters of Evangel College. I speak to each group mentioned in receding perspective. Primarily, of course, my remarks are directed to this fine graduating class. Closely sustaining them and sharing in their distinctiveness is this worthy faculty and administrative staff. The Board of Directors undergirds and directs the whole program. The undergraduates follow fast in the steps of these seniors. And behind them stand the proud parents and the host of faithful supporters of this, the first liberal arts college of the Assemblies of God. In a very real sense, all these groups participate in the triumph of this occasion.

1. *We now have a liberal arts college.*

We are assembled here today in what is indeed a unique situation. There never was another like it before. Neither will there be another like it in the future.

About fifteen years ago the seed of this college began to germinate. It was in the later years of World War II. Great army camps were soon to be vacated and become available to civilian use. Thousands of servicemen would be returning to become "G. I." students, at government expense. It appeared that the time was at hand when our church should provide a Pente-

costal atmosphere in which our young people could secure their higher education.

In the days and years when our church was young and we were few in number, we struggled for sheer existence. It was twenty or more years after our birth as a church in 1914 before we realized that we were letting our children of Sunday School age slip through our fingers. We were zealously busy about propagating Pentecost and evangelizing the heathen, but we were letting the very children of our loins attend neighborhood Sunday Schools or, worse still, play around the back of our churches while we were enjoying our altar services. Few organized Sunday Schools, no Children's Churches, and no Youth program. But God had mercy on us. And now we have efficient and spiritual Sunday Schools that not only care for our children but constitute a strong evangelizing arm and a thorough teaching agency for our whole church. Our C.A.'s, are now 100,000 strong with national district, sectional and local organizations. There are Children's Churches, Junior C.A.'s, Christian Cadets, Missionettes, and even a Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade group that has sent tens of thousands of dollars to the mission fields.

But back to the vision of a liberal

arts college for our lay young people. Provision had been made for our young people who were called into some kind of Christian ministry. Nine Bible Schools (Institutes and Bible Colleges, as they have come to be called) sprang up on the west coast, in the east, the north, south and central parts of our land. The great Bible School movement is even stronger on the foreign fields. Sixty-one such schools on eight fields are teaching and training 2,183 young Nationals to preach this Full Gospel to their own people.

One out of ten of our young people was being given Pentecostal training as preachers and missionaries, but what concern were we showing for the great host of lay young people who were not called to preach? We were carefully educating the one theological student, but *where were the nine* who were called into business and professional work? We began to ask ourselves: Are not they too our children? Are not they also precious in God's sight and in ours? Would they not also constitute a strong element in our church of tomorrow? Maybe we were excusable in our neglect of them when we were young and weak as a church. But not now.

The very first meeting of representatives of our Bible Schools in Columbus, Ohio, in early 1944 passed a reso-

First Evangel graduates, class of '59



Administration and faculty at Evangel College



DUATION MEANS

ees were awarded to members of Evangel College's first graduating
eral Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, appears on these pages.

lution calling for steps to be taken toward founding a General Council liberal arts junior college for our lay young people. Their second meeting in September 1944 "recommended to the General Presbytery the establishment of a four-year liberal arts college."

The General Presbytery responded that fall and appointed a committee "to look for properties that may be available for use as a liberal arts college," and "to formulate plans for the establishment of such an institution."

In January 1945 a letter was sent to the General Presbytery. It was war time and travel restrictions were such that it looked as if we were not going to be able to gather for our General Council as usual. The letter asked: "Would the General Presbytery be in favor of our polling the General Council constituency to ascertain if they were in favor of establishing a liberal arts college?" Eighty-nine per cent said "Yes," four per cent said "No," and seven per cent said "Wait."

In February 1945 a questionnaire was sent to our ordained ministers, inquiring concerning qualified teachers, possible students, potential financial aid, and asking this question: "If transportation difficulties make it impossible for us to hold a General Council this fall, would you be in favor of our going ahead and establishing such a college?" In 498 returns to this questionnaire, 439 (88%) said "Yes" and 49 (12%) said "No."

The war ended and General Council sessions were resumed. It was soon discovered that our constituency as a whole was not ready to endorse a liberal arts college. Inevitable birth pangs were suffered for the next eight years, but in 1953 deliverance came. Without much hesitation the General Council at Milwaukee voted most convincingly its approval for a senior college and appointed a committee to bring it into being.

The approval of God was unmistak-

ably on the move. A Board of Directors was appointed. A capable president was chosen. A qualified faculty was assembled. The United States government made a spacious million-dollar campus available. The call then went out for students. The first year (1955-56) 110 Pentecostal young people came from twenty-seven States and one from overseas. The number built in succeeding years to 229, 324, and now 471 students.

We have today arrived at the triumphant hour of the graduation of the first class. This is the completion of a full senior college program. We pass today over the threshold of real existence. At last the Assemblies of God has a liberal arts college. It is truly a unique occasion.

2. *Here is our first graduation class.*

Before me sits the first graduating class of Evangel College.

(1) *Its composition.* Your class consists of twenty-two young ladies and fifteen young men. You have come from Connecticut and from California and from fourteen states in between. Nearly all of you are from Pentecostal homes and most of you have been baptized in the Holy Spirit.

(2) *Its courage.* You have a distinctiveness all your own. You are the pioneer students of Evangel College. You chose Evangel before it became a college. You laid yourselves down as the foundation upon which its first student body has been built. Even more than the men who have been the leaders in this program, you have ventured and invested in its validity. It was not accredited when you came. You invested the best four years of your academic life in the hope and assurance that it was a good investment and would pay valid dividends.

(3) *Its spirituality.* Your choice reflects also your spiritual character. This is a Christian college, more especially a Pentecostal college. This is what you wanted above everything else. What shall it profit a young man if he gain

an Ivy League education and lose his own soul? And wherein is it wise to submit yourself to a non-Pentecostal (even anti-Pentecostal) environment in securing a higher education and in so doing take a chance on being shifted from your moorings in this blessed latter-day visitation from on high? Your church provided for you the spiritual atmosphere to which you were accustomed in your home churches; godly, Spirit-filled teachers in whose lives and examples you could have confidence, as well as in their teaching; and you wisely moved in to take advantage of the provision. This you were sure you would find in Evangel College and you have not been disappointed.

(4) *Its caliber.* Neither has Evangel College been disappointed in you. Six of you have thus far been accepted into graduate schools, one with a scholarship. Twelve of the 23 Education majors have already been offered contracts as public school teachers where you can and will exert a Christian influence upon children of this generation. All of you go forth fully qualified to take your places in your churches and your communities as strong, capable teachers, making your full contribution to your churches and to American life in general. The issuance of these degrees as certificates of accomplishment to you, this first graduation class, is itself a unique experience.

(5) *Its responsibility.* Without doubt you are conscious of the responsibility which rests upon you. You are the first-fruits of the harvest of our Pentecostal college. You are the vanguard of that host of consecrated, capable young people who, under God, will follow you. You not only open the path but you also set the pattern and the pace for those who shall walk in it after you.

As church people and those who obey their Master's command to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, we do not hesitate to say that the greatest responsibility which rests upon you is to maintain a high standard of Christian integrity and Pentecostal loyalty wherever you go. Remember, this has been the supreme objective which our church has had in the establishment of this school. From merely an academic standpoint, excellent colleges of the arts and sciences abound in this land to which you had

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A NEW DAY DAWNS IN ITALY

Many Receive the Gospel in Bologna Campaign

BY ANTHONY PIRAINO



Anthony Pirano, organizer, and Roberto Bracco, speaker, for the Bologna campaign stand by posters advertising the meetings.

IF YOU HAD TOLD THE STAUCHEST Christian in Italy a few years ago that in Bologna, and other cities of Italy, you would place five huge banners in the busiest cross-sections of town, place 1,500 large posters on the walls of the buildings, be able to distribute 28,000 Gospels of John and 60,000 gospel leaflets, the answer would have been, "Keep dreaming, brother." *But God answers prayer* and our intercessions did not

go in vain to the Throne of Grace. We have just closed an eight-day campaign in the large, northern city of Bologna. All that was mentioned above was done in addition to placing advertisements and announcements in the largest newspaper in the city and touring all day using a public address system to invite the people to attend the services. No one doubts that the entire city was made con-

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scious of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hundreds attended our meetings and heard the gospel for the first time. A retired general in the Italian army came night after night to listen to the Spirit-anointed messages of Roberto Bracco, pastor of the large Assemblies of God church in Rome.

How different is this short report from the ones we had to make a few years ago! When persecution closed in on our brethren in Italy, at one time we had twenty-six churches closed and several pastors in prison. They faced fines, endured suffering of all kinds and, of course, had no liberty to hold large meetings or diffuse the Word of God. Through the intercession and moral and financial backing of the many friends in America and Canada (Christian Churches of North America, Assemblies of God, and the Italian Branch) legal machinery was set in motion, the result of which led to the revoking of certain Fascist laws and police orders which had prohibited the free propagation of our religious beliefs. Now with the printing of millions of tracts and two million Gospels of John, we are placing a veritable flood of evangelical literature in the hands of the Italian populace.

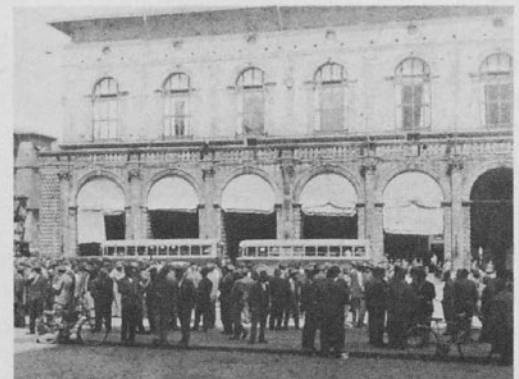
At the coming meetings in Matera, in southeastern Italy, we expect tremendous overflow crowds. In Bologna we were able to reach many souls and in due season I am sure God will give us a rich harvest. Pray for the Lord's work in Italy. ◀◀



Banners waving in the breeze in Bologna



Workers in the Bologna campaign



Crowds accepting gospel tracts

CONVENTION BLESSINGS IN LIBERIA

By Mildred Duncklee

RECENTLY ON MY FIRST REAL TREK I set out for a convention at Rocktown, Liberia. Fifteen natives, Miss Roush, and myself made up the colorful procession. The singing of the men and the swaying of the hammock as they trotted in rhythm brightened the hot trip.

Then came the dense jungle. We walked for what seemed several hours over fallen trees, treacherous streams and rugged hills. We had some rest only when the men took time to cook rice. Then on again, hour after hour.

In all, seven hours passed before we arrived at the village. Our house was a typical round hut with two doors, no windows. The entire inside was shiny black from the open fire. From the day of our arrival until we left, our door was filled with people staring at the strange white missionaries and the way they lived. Sometimes the doorway was so packed that no air could get in! The curious natives left us only when the doors were closed. With the temperature between 95 and 100—and the humidity around 90—you can imagine how we felt.

We were too tired for service that night but the natives sang all night long so we had little rest. Early the next morning we were awakened by a crier going through the village urging everyone to get up as it was time for prayer. That was 5 a.m. Every morning thereafter we were called anytime between 3 and 4 a.m. Prayer time was over at 6 a.m. By 7 a.m. a line of people stood at both doors waiting for us to treat their sick. Many wanted to be prayed for, to visit, or to counsel with us.

At 9 o'clock services began and continued all day, much like our camp meetings in the U.S. Miss Roush and Miss Jones had services for the children every morning and afternoon. I conducted a service every morning for the older folk. There were 2,644 Liberians present, for attendance was compulsory. If they were not present

the deacons or ministers went after them. The ushers were to make sure everyone stayed awake during the meeting—a good idea. This was a big job, as many had no place to sit but on the open ground and they had travelled a long way. A village of 200 housed the 2644 people. Fortunately one whole house was given to us women.

The two outstanding meetings were on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Nineteen were saved on Tuesday and a number filled with the Holy Spirit. On Wednesday the town chief came and said the town had always fought the gospel but now had decided to go all-out for Jesus, and they would burn their medicines and jujus. I wish you could have seen the villagers singing and beating their drums and going from house to house gathering up the jujus.

Finally they were all piled in a large heap. After the chief quite ceremoniously explained their use and value (about \$600) they were burned. I shall never forget that time of rejoicing as the idols burned.

There was a special juju for fish. Because of it no black ones could be caught at all. After that particular juju was burned everyone went to the river to see if the juju held any power. Many fish were caught amidst the beating of drums, singing and shouting so I'm sure there was no question as to God's power.

I do praise God for the way He is moving among the needy people of Liberia. ◀◀

Help Needed for Cuban Radio Program

By Rachel Maser Nieto
Camaguay, Cuba

FOR NEARLY ONE YEAR WE HAVE been broadcasting our program *La Edad de Oro* which is directed to the child, the youth, and the home. During the civil war we had various difficulties; but, thank the Lord, the station is now being heard and we are reaching almost the entire island of Cuba.

Along with the program we have formed a radio league to send the listeners a gift on their birthday, an identification card, an emblem to wear, and of course gospel literature explain-

ing how to be saved and how to grow spiritually. Our contract will end within a few weeks and we desire to continue this program. However, unless we receive financial help we will have to discontinue. The sum of \$1,000 is needed. This is a small amount for the twelve-month period, considering that it is a national broadcasting station and we have a twenty-minute program each Sunday noon. The hour is excellent and so we trust that the Lord will lay this work on your heart. Whatever you are able to give, please send your offering to the Foreign Missions Department, designated "Rachel Maser Nieto for Cuban Radio Work." ◀◀

MONTHLY REPORT

Foreign Missions Department

March 1959

CONTRIBUTIONS

Alabama	\$ 3,957.64	Northwest	27,829.35
Appalachian ..	547.80	Ohio	10,018.40
Arizona	2,291.80	Oklahoma	19,166.49
Arkansas	4,138.84	Oregon	12,926.64
Eastern	15,018.75	Polish Br.	55.50
Georgia	2,609.84	Potomac	9,097.77
German Br. ...	816.18	Rocky Mtn. ...	6,857.82
Greek Br.	98.08	Russian Br. ...	30.00
Hungarian Br. .	377.28	S. Carolina	627.64
Illinois	10,696.56	S. Dakota	1,583.82
Indiana	5,556.18	S. Florida	8,200.90
Italian Br. ...	429.03	S. California ..	54,733.85
Kansas	8,064.75	S. N. England ..	3,446.75
Kentucky	672.17	S. Texas	9,435.69
Lat. Am. Br. ...	1,007.31	S. Idaho	2,320.01
Louisiana	3,562.27	S. Missouri	8,788.69
Michigan	12,841.35	Span. E. Dist. ..	688.25
Minnesota	10,134.43	Tennessee	2,526.95
Mississippi	2,151.36	Ukrainian Br. ...	473.22
Montana	2,458.26	W. Central	4,424.15
Nebraska	3,371.22	W. Florida	2,110.41
New Jersey	4,485.15	W. Texas	4,227.64
New Mex.	1,911.05	Wis.-N. Mich. ...	6,639.18
New York	10,813.14	Wyoming	737.67
N. Carolina ..	2,146.23	Alaska	196.88
N. Dakota	2,279.80	Canada	568.75
N. N. England ..	920.60	Hawaii	284.87
N. Calif.-Nev. .	27,965.99	Foreign	15.50
N. Texas	13,681.13	Miscellaneous ..	322.60

Total Amount Reported	\$353,339.58
District Funds	\$12,243.41
National Home Missions	2,803.74
Office Expense	4,251.12
Given Direct to Missionaries	2,454.86
	21,753.13

Received for council missionaries	\$331,586.45
Received for non-council missionaries	3,878.97
Missionary offering not allocated to any state	18,967.38

Total Receipts

DISBURSEMENTS

Support of Missionary Personnel	\$145,017.37
Missionary Equipment	48,015.84
Missionary Work	72,150.07
National Workers Abroad	10,964.67
Deputational Returns	388.12
Buildings in Foreign Lands	65,010.76
Missionary Transportation	62,713.78

Transferred from "Hold" Accounts

\$404,260.61
49,827.81
\$354,432.80

Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



Apollos, the Uninstructed Preacher

Sunday School Lesson for June 21, 1959

ACTS 18:24-28; 2 TIMOTHY 2:20-26

Said the Psalmist, speaking of the Lord, "The meek will he guide in judgment; and the meek will he teach his way." This wonderful and all-important quality of teachableness far outshines all the other grand and impressive qualities which Apollos possessed.

HIS BACKGROUND

"A certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures." Alexandria in Egypt was noted for its intellectual and cultural attainments. It was the dwelling place of thousands of the highest type of Jews. From this city came Apollos, a highly educated and brilliant man with unusual oratorical ability. But he was more than that—for it takes more than a brilliant mind and an eloquent tongue to make any man "mighty in the scriptures." It was strength of character, clear conscience, and faithfulness to God-given conviction which gave Apollos his real power in the pulpit.

HIS ZEAL

"He had been instructed in the way of the Lord and, burning with spiritual zeal, he spoke and taught diligently and accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he was only acquainted with the baptism of John" (Amplified New Testament). How wonderful! Here was a man with an incomplete gospel, a fragmentary message, who was far more zealous for the little that he knew than many who for a long time have had the full gospel!

HIS TEACHABLENESS

"But when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more accurately (Acts 18:26, ASV). It is difficult indeed to decide which is most amazing and admirable—the unusual grace, love, wisdom, and tenderness of Priscilla and Aquila, or the extraordinary humility, modesty, and teachableness of Apollos. And what an example both parties are for us today! How much better that the godly couple, when they detected spiritual limitation in Apollos, should lead him to greater light and spiritual experience, than that they should criticize him and complain about him to every other member of the synagogue! And how great a man Apollos proved himself to be in that he was open-minded and humble enough to recognize that he might receive spiritual help from those who were far beneath him when it came to natural ability and attainments!

HIS SPIRITUAL GROWTH

"And when he was disposed to pass into Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him. . . , who, when he was come, helped them much which had believed . . . for he mightily convinced the Jews . . . showing by the Scriptures that Jesus was Christ." As a result of the teaching he received from Aquila and Priscilla,

Apollos undoubtedly received Christian baptism as well as the baptism in the Spirit. New light and a new experience only served to enlarge his spiritual vision and usefulness to God. He became burdened for Corinth and went to that city where he proved to be a great blessing.

In 2 Timothy 2:23-26, we have specific directions as to how we are to go about dealing with others who do not believe all that we believe.

AVOID CONTROVERSY

"But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes. And the servant of the Lord must not strive." Nothing is more hurtful to spiritual life than argument. And nothing is more useless. The result of argument is always the same—both parties become more convinced of the rightness of their own position!

MANIFEST A CHRISTLIKE SPIRIT

Had Aquila and Priscilla displayed a "holier-than-thou" attitude, a condemnatory attitude, or anything but an attitude of love and gentleness, it is certain they would have accomplished nothing with Apollos. If we are to be of any real spiritual help to others we must display a divine winsomeness which will set the other man's mouth to watering for what we possess!

"But be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves." These are the qualities—and they are the fruit of the flowing of the Spirit through us—that will enable us to attain our objective which, after all, is not to assert ourselves or prove that we are right, but to lead others into a knowledge of Christ in His saving power, or into a deeper revelation of Himself and Christian experience.

—J. Bashford Bishop

APOLLOS' GOOD EXAMPLE



yet he was willing to receive FURTHER TEACHING!

STUDY TO SHOW THYSELF APPROVED UNTO GOD, A WORKMAN THAT NEEDETH NOT TO BE ASHAMED, RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH. 2 Tim. 2:15

Lambert

THIS WEEK'S COVER

One of San Antonio's greatest charms is the San Antonio River, which flows through the very heart of the business district. Tropical plants, shrubbery and palms are found along the fertile river banks, and colored lights make a picturesque scene of the stream by night.

The historic city of San Antonio, Texas, will be host to the biennial sessions of the General Council of the Assemblies of God, August 26-September 1. The Council will open with a keynote address by the General Superintendent on Wednesday night and will continue until Tuesday noon. Features of the program will include a great public rally each night and a colorful Foreign Missions program on Sunday afternoon. The Sunday night meeting will be at the Alamo Stadium. All other meetings will be in the Municipal Auditorium.

For room reservations write to Clarence E. McNeely, 201 Sequoia Drive, San Antonio, Tex.

—Photo by Harvey Patteson

GRADUATION

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access. But you know and we know that many of these institutions, if not shot through and through with "pink" politics, radical departure from and even ridicule of the holy faith and moral standards upon which our republic is built, and acrid criticisms of the old-time religion which we hold so dear, are so tainted and tintured with these poisonous evils that it is spiritually and morally dangerous to attend them. You have escaped their evil contaminations. We have escorted you through the perils of this all-important phase of your higher education. We have taught you the proper relation between the sciences and the All-knowing One, between the liberal arts and the great Artist of sky and nature. All creation is subordinate to its Creator and the fear of God is the very beginning of knowledge and of wisdom.

Now you are on your own. We have placed in your hand the torch of faith in God and in the Bible. Hold it high and never let it flicker in your grasp.

Our Presidents, deans and teachers have faithfully taught you that loyalty to your church's standards is more than intellectual conformity to them. You cannot stand up straight for God without the backbone of a personal experience with God. Your individual consecration, your consistent devotional

life, your day-by-day walking with God compose the warp and woof of your Christian character. We trust that Evangel College has taught you to sink your roots deep into the subsoil of His grace and power. Our greatest gift to you and our greatest hope for you lie in the spiritual equipment with which you have been provided or which we have helped you to maintain.

Although the maintenance of your Christian integrity and leadership is your first responsibility, it is not the exclusive assignment that is yours. There are tens of thousands of Christ's Ambassadors in the Assemblies of God who have not been fortunate enough to attend college. There are hundreds also who have been subjected to the influences of modern education in non-Christian environment and who have survived spiritually. Take your place among all these, your comrades, with grace and humility.

Stand also in those circles to which your training gives you entrance. You are entitled to a life-long financial return on your educational investment. Serve God in the professional or advanced business activity that you may now logically enter. Combine the nat-

ural abilities with which you are endowed with the abundant grace of God to which you have learned to have access, to achieve that fine success that now lies before you. America needs Christian educators, scientists, professional men, and statesmen. The Assemblies of God is glad it is now coming into the position where it can supply its quota.

3. *This is the Charge.*

When your President was inducted into office last fall, it was my privilege and responsibility to issue to him the formal charge. Less formally now I charge you as follows:

Be worthy of the high honor and the trust that has been placed in you. Justify your faith that it is worthwhile and important to have a liberal arts college of our own. Become strong Christian leaders in your chosen professions and callings.

The eyes of our church are upon you. These undergraduates are following you. You are the hope of your parents, your home pastors, your teachers and your Alma Mater. You have the prayers and best wishes of the entire Assemblies of God. God bless you! ◀◀

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Your Questions



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

If a person gets away from the Lord ought he to be baptized in water again when he returns to the fold?

I think this is a matter for individual conscience, since baptism is the answer of a good conscience toward God (1 Peter 3:21). In baptism the person takes the position that he is "buried with him by baptism into death." Why not take the Rock smitten in the wilderness as an example and, having once been identified with Christ in baptism, thereafter "speak to the Rock," or turn to Christ rather than to water?

By whom and with what are we baptized when filled with the Spirit?

The Bible sets forth that Christ is the Baptizer. "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire" (Matthew 3:11). "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send...he shall testify of me" (John 15:26). Of course, we are baptized with the Holy Spirit.

What is the gift of discerning of spirits? (1 Corinthians 12:10)

In Bible times it was the ability given whereby one might discern between true and false utterances. "To another the power of discriminating between spirits" (Weymouth). "To another, the power to discriminate between the true Spirit and false spirits" (Williams). "To another the ability to discriminate in spiritual matters" (Phillips).

We hear so much said about the grace of God. Will you please explain what this grace is?

Grace is generally explained as undeserved mercy and favor. It is that expression of the love of God in which God shows mercy to the sinner and offers pardon for his sins entirely upon the merit of what our Lord Jesus has provided through His sacrificial death on the cross. Through grace, God becomes kindly disposed to us through our accepting the atoning work of Christ in our behalf. God's grace, or mercy and favor, must be depended on by us even when we feel ourselves unworthy. We need always to appropriate to ourselves by faith the salvation provided for us in Christ Jesus.

I was so happy when I was first saved, but one day I yielded to temptation and failed the Lord. Now I am miserable, and don't know whether to go on trying to be a Christian or to give it all up. What shall I do?

The Bible says, "If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous" (1 John 2:1). Jesus can keep us from sinning after we are saved, but He also knows the possibility of our yielding to temptation and sinning. If we do, He does not desert us, but instead acts as our lawyer. And what does He plead in our behalf? The wounds which He bore at Calvary. He reminds the Father how He bore the penalty of our sins and how, through the shedding of His blood in our behalf, as long as we desire to love and serve Him, we may be forgiven even should it be necessary again and again.

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). Remember, thoughts of giving up come not from the Lord, and not from your own self alone, but from Satan. Resist the devil and look to Jesus, confessing your sin and asking His forgiveness. He loves you too much to let you go.

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).

Crossroads of History

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there come *the* falling away." The sad thing is that the falling away does not take place in the world of sinners, but in the church. It is a thing in which professing Christians are involved. Christian, are you falling away? Are you faithful to church as you used to be? Are you still a prayer warrior? Do you read your Bible as faithfully as before?

I speak sincerely. I speak as a pastor. A fearful thing is happening in the church as a whole. A while back, ministers were quite concerned because unsaved folk were not coming out to church. Now they have a further concern: the Christians themselves are staying away from church in droves. We need to cry out against the lethargy, the carelessness, the indifference of these days. Your pastor is having a struggle as he endeavors to lead the flock of God and win sinners. He needs your help. You are obligated before God to *give* it. Perhaps you are fairly comfortable and doing well materially; but if you are a Christian there are some spiritual obligations on your shoulders, and you shirk these responsibilities at your own eternal peril. How tragically is the falling away of the church contributing to the confusion and frustration of these days!

END OF HUMAN GOVERNMENT

God's Word foretells an end to human rule. God's kingdom is coming—not gradually, by a process of education, but suddenly and violently. The image seen by Nebuchadnezzar was smashed to pieces by the stone from heaven—a picture of what Christ will do to earthly kingdoms when He comes. What a glorious announcement: "And in the days of these kings shall the God of Heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever."

A number of years ago a prominent American wrote a book entitled, "The Wave of the Future." Dictators have mistakenly imagined that the wave of the future is building up in their favor; that forces and events are mounting to carry them to victory. Khrushchev of

Russia likes to declare, "History is on our side." How mistaken he is—just as Hitler and Mussolini were mistaken. The wave of the future shall bring back Jesus Christ to this earth as King of kings. It shall bring in *His* kingdom, not Communism.

Already we see the build-up of forces that shall surely bring to pass the struggles of the end-time and the disintegration of human rule. We are at the crossroads of history. We have nearly reached the summit of the mountain, and from its vantage point the Christian sees the dawn of the Lord's coming. The night is almost over. Hail to the blessed Sunrise for which the world is waiting! ◀◀

God Is on the Throne

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world, and God's reaction thereto. "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision." God is pictured as sitting. While the nations deliberate how they might rid themselves of God by a resort to organized international effort, God is calmly reposing in heaven. He is not at all excited. He doesn't even bother to stand up in recognition of any serious situation. Instead, He remains sitting, as it were, and bides His time in obvious amusement. "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh"—a picture of contempt toward all of man's efforts to dethrone Him.

If God is not disturbed over world conditions, should we be? Look at the sublime, decisive, triumphant statement in Psalm 2:6. "Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion." There is a jubilant note in this passage, a touch of absolute finality which thrills one's heart. God's own king, the rejected and crucified Messiah, will be established as undisputed Sovereign over all the nations by the decree of God which will be executed despite all possible defiance and opposition by men. There is nothing which the nations can do about it, either singly or in combination. God Himself will put His Christ upon the throne. In the meantime, the foundations of the nations must be shaken, while the saints of God must keep trusting and waiting until "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever" (Revelation 11:15).



You're a Good Mother—

Are You a Good Mother-in-law Too?

BY C. M. WARD

Dear Evangel friends:

I would like to champion every mother-in-law. It's not an easy relationship to serve. The Bible acknowledges that fact. BUT IT'S SOMETHING THAT MILLIONS OF WOMEN MUST BE, WHETHER THEY LIKE IT OR NOT.

Every mother stands a chance of becoming a mother-in-law herself. And I know every mother wants to be the very best mother-in-law that she can be. Perhaps I can help you!

I have dealt with hundreds of home problems during the course of my ministry, and I have noticed that certain mistakes continually recur. I have finally come up with seventeen checkpoints for mothers-in-law. None of these is humorous, and a failure to observe any one of these seventeen checkpoints could be disastrous to your relationship to your children's marriage partners.

I have placed these seventeen checkpoints in a beautifully prepared folder which I want to send you this week. For your copy, just fill out the coupon below with your name, address, and request, then clip it to your offering for the far-reaching ministry of *Revivaltime*, and mail it to me right away. This most practical listing of seventeen common mistakes mothers-in-law make will be sent to you immediately.

- Do you compete with. . . .
- Do you make a habit of telling. . . .
- Do you feel that. . . .
- Do you interfere. . . .
- Do you press. . . .
- Do you believe your church. . . .
- Do you arouse. . . .

If you are curious as to the remainder of these and other questions for mothers-in-law, get your copy of this folder. Every mother-in-law will be able to grade herself.

Your copy of this unusual folder is waiting for you, so get your request to me NOW. And may I say that we are in urgent need of your prayers and support at this time. As we move into the summer months, we need all of you to stand with us in this great evangelistic ministry winning souls each week by radio. Your extra support right now would mean so much in our burden to reach lost souls.

Yours by Calvary's ties,

Please send me your folder, "Seventeen Hints to Mothers-in-law." Enclosed find my special offering of \$_____ for *Revivaltime*. May this Pentecostal message reach the lost while the door still stands ajar. I shall be praying for this ministry during the summer months.

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WHAT HOLY MEN OF GOD HAVE faced in days past, we face today. Nehemiah lived in a discouraging situation. The walls of God's city were broken down. The gates had been burned with fire. Our western civilization is on the verge of a titanic collapse *unless God intervenes*. We Pentecostal people hold the key to the treasure house of God's grace. This is our hour!

Consider the ruin that is so apparent around us. It is the age-old story of man's failures, inabilities, inhumanities. Politically, our government is not as it was twenty-five years ago. Its laws are not as binding. Our leaders are not as certain of the wisdom of their plans. Ideologies are crashing about us.

Economically, no nation in this world today feels secure. The whole structure is on the verge of economic downfall; and we in America are battling against tremendous odds, trying to finance the whole Western world into prosperity and peace.

Morally, there is an increasing tendency to gloss over the awfulness of sin, to condone and to compromise. There is a disregard for the worth of the individual. Crime is on the increase. Recently we saw a 7½ per cent increase in juvenile delinquency over the previous year! Such conditions call for another deluge of judgment.

Religiously, false doctrines are spreading themselves abroad. In the face of all this, consider the coldness, worldliness, powerlessness of most church members. Together it makes a "witch's brew" that is poisonous indeed.

However, there is nothing wrong in this hour that God cannot remedy. As Nehemiah said, "The God of heaven, He will help us." This same God is on the throne today. His promises are still "Yea and Amen" to the people who comply with His conditions. It behooves us to consider our responsibility in the light of the foregoing facts. We Christians have a sacred trust. We have the gospel, the blood of Calvary, the power of Pentecost, the divine commission, an inward compulsion! This compulsion has won souls, built churches, sent missionaries, established schools, made martyrs sing at their execution.

We American Pentecostal Christians have a peculiar responsibility all our own. Our nation has a rendezvous with destiny. It is a question of world



revival or world catastrophe! America, where churches are so numerous, strong and wealthy, has that responsibility resting squarely on her shoulders.

Christians must bear some blame for the debacle that has come. We have argued and split hairs over points of theology while lost men have gone to their eternal doom. "We have majored in minors and minored in majors." We have magnified our differences rather than standing firm on the fundamentals upon which God's people can all agree. It has always been the plan of Satan to divide us so that we will not be the mighty army God intends us to be. We have criticized, found fault, and abused one another. We excuse the smallness of our vision with various pious-sounding phrases, but the real reason our boundaries are so small is that we have dried-up hearts.

The remedy is the gospel. Not the gospel alone, preached in orthodox fashion. That can be a dead letter; simply words. There is no miraculous quality to the gospel unless it is preached in the power and demonstration of the Holy Ghost! That kind

of gospel can save us. It will put our feet in the way of the Cross, on the Glory Road. It will deliver us from a mediocre life and a mediocre ministry.

God save us from staleness! We must not become exhausted in our thinking, preaching, sermonizing. This gospel is a fathomless source, fresh and free, enthusiastic, forceful! The tragedy of staleness is apparent in too many lives, sermons, and churches. Some congregations are programmed to death. They need to be brought face to face with the claims of this vibrant gospel; it will cause them to fall in love afresh with the Redeemer: it will give them a new affection for their church: it will furnish them with purpose. The Holy Ghost is not obligated to come upon any activity of ours unless we specialize in exalting Christ and His power to save.

The Holy Ghost has been grieved out of many churches. People file into the pews with broken hearts, burdened souls, tormenting doubts and fears. The only message that will help them is the message of the Lamb of God.

We cannot fulfill our mission by criticizing the modernist, finding fault with our fellow men, blaming juveniles for delinquency, and saying our churches are worldly. I believe in separation, but separation is not enough. We must demonstrate to a lost world what it means to be *indwelt by the Spirit*.

These are perilous times! We are surrounded by pagan ideologies, false philosophies of every sort, choking out the truths of God's Word. The world has gone mad on materialism, crying: "Eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we die!" What an unparalleled opportunity to present Christ to disillusioned people!

We must engage in a concerted effort so stupendous that it will challenge the energies of every mind, soul, and heart among us. When Moses built the Tabernacle, it was said: "And they came with their gifts, from gold to goat's hair!" Nehemiah, after the wall was complete, said: "So built we the walls of Jerusalem, because the people had a mind to work!"

This great concerted movement began on the day of Pentecost and is destined to sweep to the very ends of the earth. We must dedicate ourselves to the high purpose of praying down a revival and preaching up a spiritual awakening. We need men who are will-

ing to serve anywhere, any time, at any price, *regardless of who gets the credit!*

This is our hour! God wills it! The Holy Ghost is calling. I beseech you by the mercies of God, by the needs of a lost world, by the cries of souls going to hell, let us combine our efforts into one great final crusade to win our territories for Jesus Christ!

Why You Should Study Prophecy

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Thessalonica. He taught them of the coming of Christ and the coming of the Antichrist. "Remember ye not, that, when I was with you, I told you these things?" (2 Thessalonians 2:5).

Young Christians should be taught prophetic truth today. I know the value of that. As a young Christian in my teens, I was taught and I read the prophecies. The Bible was my only

textbook. I became so full of the subject of the imminent coming of the Lord that I wrote out my aspirations in these words:

*Lord Jesus, Thou art coming
To be my King one day,
I often feel like running
To meet Thee on the way!*

Young preachers, study the prophecies, then preach the prophecies and teach them. Young Christians, read the prophecies. They will interest and intrigue and change you!

7. *Prophecy is everywhere presented in Scripture as an aid and an incentive to holy living.* One has only to read the eleventh chapter of Hebrews to see that. Abel, Enoch, Noah, Moses, Daniel, and all the other prophets lived lives apart because of the prophetic truth they knew. Prophetic "predictions had the effect of turning the whole Jewish mind to the future... and leading the pious portion of the people to prayerful preparation for that event," said Charles Hodge.

Everywhere in the New Testament, prophecy is presented as a call to holiness and godliness. "Seeing then that

all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness?" (2 Peter 3:11). "And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure" (1 John 3:3).

8. *The Prophetic Word is a subject full of Christ.* To study prophecy is to study Christ; to meditate on prophecy is to meditate on Christ; to feed on prophecy is to feed on Christ. "Testimony to Jesus is the spirit which underlies prophecy" (Revelation 19:10, Weymouth). "To him give all the prophets witness" (Acts 10:43). "The scriptures... testify of me," Jesus said. And again, "All things must be fulfilled which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me" (Luke 24:44).

Christian friends, in these days you cannot afford to neglect the careful perusal of the prophetic Word. Your heart will burn within you as you read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest it—the Word concerning Christ—the Word of Prophecy.

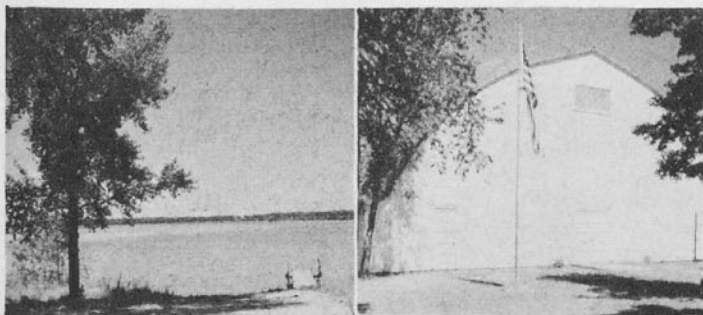
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Spotlight on Evangelism

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► **TALIHINA, OKLA.** — Evangelist and Mrs. Billy J. Cossey of Clayton, Okla., were a real blessing to the church here. During two weeks of revival under their ministry some 21 souls were saved and two were filled with the Holy Ghost.

—*H. D. Warren, Pastor*

► **PENSACOLA, FLA.**—Some were at the altar for salvation in almost every service of revival meetings conducted here in the First Assembly of God by Evangelist Donald Lunsford, Jr., of Metropolis, Ill. In addition to those saved about ten received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

—*W. J. Cox, Pastor*

► **BROWNFIELD, TEX.**—The First Assembly of God here recently enjoyed two weeks of revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Leslie C. Eldridge of Bakersfield, Calif. The blessing of the Lord was present from the very first night. Twelve were saved and five were filled with the Holy Spirit. There were also some who were healed.

—*J. R. Brasher, Pastor*

► **MEROM, IND.**—During the first three weeks of March, Evangelist R. L. Covington of Edwardsville, Ill., conducted revival meetings in which the church was greatly blessed. Over thirty came forward for salvation and 11 either received the baptism of the Holy Spirit or were refilled. In one family four sons, a daughter, and a daughter-in-law came to the Lord. A father was set free from the cigarette habit. Many who came were young people in their late teens and early twenties, and their lives have been transformed.

—*Patrick O. McLane, Pastor*

► **BEAUMONT, TEX.**—The First Assembly of God here enjoyed 13 glorious days of revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Bill Sharp. The church will long remember the soul-stirring messages of the evangelist and the heart-warming gospel singing of his wife. The blazing colors of the pictures drawn by Brother Sharp contributed much too. There was a marvelous response to the place of prayer. The evangelistic team is dedicated to the cause of winning the lost to Christ and labors untiringly with the pastor and the church. The messages had a tremendous appeal to all ages.

—*Bob Willis, Pastor*

► **BOYES HOT SPRINGS, CALIF.**—One of the best and most profitable meetings in the history of the church here was recently conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. Earl O. Dean of Los Angeles. A prayer meeting was held at nine o'clock each morning and always lasted until eleven

and sometimes until one. God's Spirit began moving in the very first service. Two were reclaimed and nine were at the altar seeking God for forgiveness of sins. Eight were refilled with the Holy Spirit and six were baptized with the Holy Ghost. The greatest victories were not revealed in statistics, but in the stirring of God's people as they waited before Him. Revival fires continue to burn.

—*Albert P. Finch, Pastor*

► **BRODNAX, VA.**—The church here has just completed two weeks of revival meetings with Evangelist Frank G. Sharp of Philadelphia, Pa. It was truly an outstanding revival with 12 receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit and a goodly number saved and reclaimed. Manifestations of the Spirit of God were prevalent from the very first night and the entire church was edified.

—*Wilbur D. Bell, Pastor*

► **STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.**—An excellent revival was recently conducted at El-Bethel Assembly by Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Graban of Vineland, N. J. Two received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and many were refilled. The entire church was stirred to seek God. The young people were especially stirred and led the way in the altar services. The whole church appreciated the anointed ministry of Brother Graban.

—*Frank M. Reynolds, Pastor*

► **MARYVILLE, MO.**—Twenty-eight persons received the baptism of the Holy Spirit in a seven-night campaign here recently where Evangelist Ruth Henley of Olathe, Kans., ministered. As many as 16 received that experience in one night's service. Eight individuals were also gloriously saved. It was a great move of the Holy Spirit. Often the lights of the church were still burning past the midnight hour. The Sunday School average for the year is nearly 40 over what it was last year with a high of 243.

—*Rex Ansbaugh, Pastor*

► **PAWNEE, ILL.**—During a special prophetic campaign conducted here by Evangelist B. R. Minton of Tallahassee, Fla., an unusual conversion took place. After the evangelist had spoken on the subject, "Mystery Babylon the Great," a 27-year-old man came forward to accept Christ. He was a Roman Catholic. On approaching the altar, he took his rosary from his pocket and said, "Brother Minton, the message tonight has opened my eyes to the truth." After the pastor and evangelist explained to him the way of salvation, he was thoroughly saved.

—*M. C. Johnson, Pastor*

► **CHOWCHILLA, CALIF.**—The First Assembly of God here just concluded a very successful revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Don George of Abilene, Tex. A goodly number were saved, some were filled with the Holy Spirit, and others were healed of various bodily afflictions as God moved and stirred the revival fires among the people. Both the sermons and songs were under the anointing of the Spirit, and the Lord's power was present to meet the needs of His people. Surely the revival will not be quickly forgotten.

—*T. W. Carlton, Pastor*

► **NEWCASTLE, IND.**—Recently, Evangelist and Mrs. Don Whitlow of Linton, Ind., conducted three weeks of special meetings here. There was a definite move of God's Spirit each night. Fifteen souls were saved and five received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. There were also testimonies of healing and other definite answers to prayer. The congregation is thankful for what God has done through these meetings.

—*Robert Dock, Pastor*

► **HAGERMAN, NEW MEX.**—Evangelist Leslie C. Eldridge conducted one week of revival in the church here. It was one of the best meetings in the history of the church. Ten souls were saved and two were filled with the Holy Ghost. The church is on a high spiritual plane because of this time of special services. A three-year Sunday School record was broken twice during the meetings.

—*Joe Hanna, Pastor*

► **LAMONT, CALIF.**—The Lord blessed in a special way at Hilltop Assembly during a recent revival with Evangelist Ethel West of Long Beach. There were six at the altar for salvation and three filled with the Holy Spirit.

—*James Dodd, Pastor*

► **GRANITE CITY, ILL.**—Tri-City Park Tabernacle enjoyed an 11-day revival with Evangelist and Mrs. A. R. Vander Ploeg of Toledo, Ohio, during April. Approximately 30 knelt at the altar for salvation. The Sunday School attendance reached 514.

—*R. D. Shaw, Pastor*

► **DUNN, N.C.**—The folk at Glad Tidings Assembly will long remember the revival meetings held by Evangelist B. R. Minton as a time of great Bible teaching. Night after night Brother Minton taught the Word of Prophecy from his great chart which is 33½ feet long and 7 feet high. From the very beginning great interest was shown by outsiders and probably over 100 people attended the services for the first time. The crowds were very good, and many souls were saved or reclaimed

during the meetings. Many said they had learned more about God's plan for the ages than they ever knew before.

—Robert E. Palmer, Pastor
(now serving as evangelist)

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

GENERAL COUNCIL NEWS

CHARTERED PLANE FOR SAN ANTONIO—Plane leaves Monday, August 24. Anyone in Northeast interested in a reduced rate trip to San Antonio for the General Council, contact the New Jersey District Office, 1879 Pennington Road, Trenton 8, N. J.—Richard J. Bergstrom, District Superintendent.

CORRECTION

The speaker at Ozark-Lithia Camp near Hot Springs, Ark., June 22-July 1, will be W. M. Stevens of Denver, Colo. We listed his name as W. R. Stephens through error. by Henry W. Culbreth, Arkansas District Secretary.

INDIAN CAMPS

Fruitland Washington.

June 23 through July 6.

Speakers: Dale Carpenter; Herman Kazen.

Lower Elwha Indian Camp (near Port Angeles, Washington).

July 3 through 10.

Speaker: Manuel Cordova.

Fort Yukon, Alaska

July 28 through 31.

Home Missionaries will be speakers. The camp meeting is primarily for Indians and missionaries; however, others are welcome

if they can pay their own way. No housing accommodations.

Indian villages represented are: Stevens Village, Circle, Minto, Venetie, Arctic Village, and Fort Yukon.

Contact John Covlasky, Box 5, Fort Yukon, Alaska, for further information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW JERSEY MEN'S FELLOWSHIP CONVENTION—June 20, Hotel Hildebrecht, Trenton, N. J. Speaker: Walter Hanson and officers of the Northern California-Nevada Men's Fellowship. Banquet at 6 p.m.—by Richard J. Bergstrom, Men's Fellowship President.

LOUISIANA DISTRICT COUNCIL—June 23-25 at La Grange Senior High School Auditorium, Lake Charles, La. Council opens Tuesday night with state-wide Fellowship Rally. Andrew Stirling, North Carolina District Superintendent, speaker.—by Vincent Roccaforte, Secretary-Treasurer.

SOUTH TEXAS DISTRICT COUNCIL—June 15-18 at Delmar Auditorium, Corpus Christi, Tex. Monday, 7:30 p.m., first service. T. F. Zimmerman, Assistant General

Superintendent, speaker. For further information, write: South Texas District, Box 9714, Houston, Tex.—by Kermit Reneau, Superintendent.

HOME COMING—June 14 at First Assembly of God, Montgomery, Ala. Services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Former pastor, Grover Langston, guest speaker. All former pastors, members, and friends invited.—by Robert J. Ferguson, Pastor.

LOUISIANA C. A. TOUR—July 6-17. C. A. Fellowship meetings will be conducted over the district with services from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and an evangelistic rally at 7:30. An evening meal will be served at 6 p.m. Slides from the 1958 youth camps will be shown each evening. Evangelist D. C. Ogden, chalk artist, will minister in each service.—by M. E. Gorman, District C. A. President.

WITH CHRIST

KAZIMIR FUGOWSKI, 64, New York, N. Y. passed to his reward April 17, 1959. He was ordained by another Pentecostal body in 1932 and became a member of the Polish Branch of the Assemblies of God in 1944. He was pastor of the Polish Full Gospel Church, 257 E. Tenth St., New York City.

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Florence	A of G	June 21—	Melvin McKnight	Bobby Lowrey
	Geneva	First	June 19-28	Wesley Weekley	Shelbern Roberts
	Montgomery	Central	June 21-July 5	Joel Palmer & wife	Vaudie Lambert
Calif.	Long Beach	North Long Beach	June 16-24	Benny Sapp & wife	Allan G. Snider
	Palo Alto	Christian Center	June 17-28	Christian Hild & wife	Wm. E. Pickthorn
	Richmond	Central	June 15-28	Denny Davis	Russell Griffin
	San Pedro	First	June 7-21	Arthur Arnold	Ralph Salzman
	Upland	Evangel Temple	June 2—	Jimmy Mayo, Jr.	Frank Lummer
Colo.	Pueblo	* First	June 10-21	Blair-Stover	Richard Emerson
Ga.	Pelham	First	June 21-July 5	W. O. Stephens	E. A. Bush
Ill.	Alton	Gospel Tab.	June 21-July 3	Singing Davis Party	Cecil Gruver
	Bushnell	A of G	June 16—	Walter D. Lascelle	J. E. Snyder
	Downers Grove	Suburban	June 17-28	A. F. DiMusto Party	Hugo H. Brehm
Ind.	Gary	West	June 16-28	I. D. Griffith	B. E. Hillman
Iowa	Ottumwa	* First Pent.	June 16-28	Dick Stevens Family	W. B. Friend
Kans.	Pittsburg	First	June 14—	L. R. Sturgis	Oscar H. Bolen
Md.	Indian Head	Glymont FG	June 9-28	J. Higginbotham & wife	Harold Bilotta
	Kitzmillier	A of G	June 7—	J. Earl Douglass	G. A. LeRoy
Mich.	Dearborn	* Gospel Tab.	June 21-28	Bob & Jeri Winford	Parvin Lee
	Detroit	Brightmoor Tab.	June 4-18	Singing Davis Party	Bond P. Bowman
Minn.	Fairmont	First	June 16-23	Watson Argue	R. W. Miller
Mo.	St. James	A of G	June 21—	Dwayne Friend	T. B. Conway
	West Plains	A of G	June 7-21	Steve Rexroat	G. A. Gaddis
N. Y.	Adams	A of G	June 16-28	George Miller	K. A. Choflet
Pa.	Luzerne	* A of G	June 14-28	Brosey-Buchwalter	Alfred Coletti
S. C.	Belton	Dry Oak	June 16-21	John Eller	D. F. Flanagan
Tex	Galveston	First	June 21-July 5	Leland R. Evans	I. H. Wills
	Henderson	A of G	June 14-28	Fisher-Cheek	C. L. Hundley
	Wright City	A of G	June 14-28	Billy R. Jones	Curtis Brandon
Va.	Richmond	Bethel	June 17-July 5	Jack Peters	H. C. Wiles
Vt.	Brattleboro	A of G	June 2-14	Allan A. Swift	Philip Anderson
	Rutland	Roadside	June 16-28	Allan A. Swift	Harry M. Snook
Wis.	Milwaukee	* Bethel Tab.	June 21-26	Bob Olson	D. H. Heuser
	Milwaukee	Calvary	June 17-28	Joseph DeGrado	John Wannemacher
Canada	Edmonton, Alta.	Pent. Tab.	June 16-18	Gene Scott	Robert Taitinger
Hawaii	Honolulu	A of G	June 14—	Donnell-Holler	Eldon E. Vincent
	Kohala	* A of G	June 21-26	Fred & Gladys Voight	James Reb

* Children's Revival

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MARK TWAIN, THOUGH A FAMOUS writer, was not an efficient business man. He sold many of his writings for very little. However, he still had a sizable income from his books and lectures; but money seemed to run through holes in his pockets.

Desiring to insure his children's financial future, in 1880 he invested in a typesetter, an invention which James W. Paige had almost finished. During the following years he put more and more of his funds into the typesetter, which was always "almost finished."

At one time he and Paige had an opportunity to exchange half their interest in the Paige patent for a half interest in the linotype (which met with great success) but they refused.

By 1887 Twain had poured \$150,000 into the typesetter and was putting \$3,000 a month into the machine, some of it borrowed money. When he was forced into bankruptcy he still expected the typesetter to provide a way out.

The machine was finally tested in the plant of the Chicago *Times Herald*. It was a failure. The typesetter was impractical because of breakdowns. The two working models were given to museums. Mark Twain's investment of \$190,000 was wiped out. The typesetter was said to be "the costliest unworkable machine ever invented."

Possibly if you had the large income that Mark Twain had you would know how to invest it at an advantage and become wealthy. Most of us never have the opportunity to find out whether we would have the ability to handle great material wealth. The most important question in the long run is not

whether you know how to invest money but whether you are investing wisely that which is far more valuable than an enormous fortune—your life.

Some people go through life investing their time, talents, influence, and money in things as worthless as Mark Twain's typesetter. When they come to the end of life, they are disappointed to learn that the cause to which they have given their lives is a costly failure.

You have the privilege of investing your life for God and making it count for time and eternity. Mark Twain could have had an interest in the linotype machine which became very popular and is widely used today. He turned down his opportunity just as many people are turning down the opportunity to invest their lives for God. Too late, many will learn what a foolish thing it is to fritter away their lives on earthly things and come to the end of life spiritually bankrupt when they might have had riches in heaven.

Jesus said, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and 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: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:19-21).

How are you investing your life? Are you squandering it on earthly pleasures and selfish interests? Or are you investing it wisely? "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36). This is a question each of us should ponder carefully.

The Cold War

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next year somewhere else. Same old booring show—same plot—same stupid ending! It breeds contempt and complacency. Perhaps it is all a part of our enemy's design! We face a dilemma, a crisis, and at the same time a cut in the military budget. It's a game of international chess. Who can understand the moves? This one thing is plain. The voice that purrs "peace, peace" all the while plans "sudden destruction" just as the New Testament prophesies.

INTERNATIONAL CRISIS

Have any of us soberly asked ourselves why we would risk the destruction of New York, Washington, Detroit, Chicago, Los Angeles and other U.S. cities to keep Berlin free? It's just part of a divided community, isn't it? No, it's more than that! It's a symbol. It typifies the morale and spirit of resistance not only of Germans but of Frenchmen, Britons, Hollanders, Belgians, Greeks and all the rest. Berlin, like Jerusalem, is a divided city. They symbolize as no other spots in this world do the final drama of man's day. How soon will the shooting war start?

Worse than inflation, than "the crime projected into the future," than the numbing effect upon our spirit of resistance, is the moral crisis of our era. A demoralization of all peoples, of all religions and among those who have no religion, is taking place. This period of constant pressure is calculated to change man (created a little lower than the angels) into something akin to demons. This cold war is destroying millions spiritually as well as physically. We hardly raise our voices against brutality any longer. Is mankind to be allowed to forget that God's law will prevail and that those who break it do so at the peril of the entire human race? The Communist laughs. He points to uninterrupted success. He points to a zeal unchallenged by a zeal for anything else in this world. He is winning. Why then should he be provoked into a war of annihilation?

Oh yes, 1958 was a record year for church attendance in the United States

—approximately 50,500,000 adults attended church services during an average week or 49 per cent of the total adult civilian population. Has it strengthened the word, the promise, the signature by which men enter upon contractual relations and which no longer seem to have any meaning? Has it put new reverence into the marriage sacrament that has become a matter of a fee paid for a license with a mumbo-jumbo of spoken words to be followed by divorces, separations and annulments so numerous that they become a serious social problem to the entire community because of the increase in juvenile delinquency and young criminals? Today signatures are not marks of conviction but counterfeits. No wonder Boris Pasternak has said: "We must discover security within ourselves. . . . It means a reawakening of the spiritual world, of our inner life—of religion. I don't mean religion as a dogma or as a church, but as a vital feeling. . . ."

THE MORAL CHALLENGE

The cold war fosters expediency, the doctrine that the end justifies the means. Mr. Dulles said shortly before his resignation as Secretary of State: "In terms of faith, we seem unable to articulate a basic philosophy for our times which carries deep conviction and strong appeal. . . . we seem to be treating freedom as an opportunity for moral license and our productive power often seems dedicated to frivolities rather than fulfilling vital human needs. . . . In some respects, we seem to be as materialistic as the Communists, but without their supporting philosophy and efficiency. . . ."

One of our American leaders said the other day, "I doubt if any society in history has faced so great a moral challenge as ours. . . ." Dr. Lawrence M. Gould, president of Carleton College, Northfield, Minn. a world-famous geologist and Antarctic expert, gives this as his conviction:

"I do not believe," he says, "the greatest threat to our future is from bombs or guided missiles. I don't think our way of life will die like that. I think it will die when we no longer care—when spiritual forces that make us wish to be right and noble die in the hearts of men. Arnold Toynbee has pointed out that 19 of 21 notable civilizations have died from within and not by conquest from without. There

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were no bands playing and no flags waving when these civilizations decayed; it happened slowly, in the quiet and the dark when no one was aware...

"If America is to grow great, we must stop gagging at the word 'Spiritual.' Our task is to re-discover and re-assert our faith in the spiritual, non-utilitarian values on which American life has really rested from its beginning..."

Yes, these are some of the effects of the relentless cold war and the creeping paralysis it is bringing!

DIVINE INTERVENTION

You say, "Brother Ward, what is your hope?" My answer, sir, is that more and more I find myself humming Luther's great hymn, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." I must rest my case on God.

Let me give you an example of God's intervention in recent years! In 1949 tough, experienced, disciplined Red troops swept all before them in China. There was only one place that these battalions could not march, and that was to the island of Formosa. A hundred miles of choppy water intervened. The broad beaches of the island beckoned an invasion. The Reds lacked landing craft and in 1949 they had not yet acquired air cover. Nor had the Soviet Union entrusted them with big and modern weapons of war. But they did have junks, thousands of them. Light and low in the water, these little vessels were hard to hit. Even punched full of holes they were still seaworthy. Red strategy therefore was to gather a fleet of 5,000 junks, each to carry 50 men, and if half the fleet were to reach the beaches they would land an army of 125,000 men against Formosa.

With this in mind General Chen Yi used the inland lakes which dot East China to prepare for the invasion. He chose the pick of his troops. The troops were taught to swim and shown how to handle junks. Engines to motorize some of the junks were procured in Shanghai and Hong Kong. Systematically the Communist Command set about to familiarize the Chinese foot soldier with the unfamiliar element of water. They made one mistake! A little intestinal worm—schistosoma japonica—for centuries has plagued East Asian peasants who have occasion to wade in fresh water. This tiny grub needs two entities to complete its life cycle. One is a certain fresh water snail that abounds in the inland water

of East Asia. The other is man. When the worm attacks men, it causes a serious disease.

Most of General Chen Yi's men came from North China, which is dry, and where rice is not the staple crop. They were tailormade for this grub. The moment they hit these East China lakes for pre-invasion training this worm left the snail it customarily used for a boarding house and burrowed into the hides of these Red soldiers. The worm can effect an invasion in a matter of seconds. Once through the skin it attacks the blood stream, settles in the digestive organs, and lays eggs by the thousands. The eggs are carried to the liver. . . .

Before long, Chen Yi's picked invasion troops had livers full of eggs. Entire battalions were knocked out by uncontrollable diarrhea or laid low by severe abdominal cramps. There was nothing that could be done. Red doctors and nurses did not have the necessary drugs to combat the disease. The stricken troops could not be cured. There was no time to train another army.

Came September and the typhoon season—and invasion was out of the question until the following summer. Then in June, 1950, the Communist attack on South Korea brought the American pledge to protect Formosa and the U.S. Seventh Fleet was posted in the straits. So the golden opportunity for conquest passed—thanks not to arms, nuclear or otherwise, but to the tiny worm that saved Formosa.

The best words any of us have ever uttered in America are the words of our national motto, "In God We Trust." Our need is to exercise that trust. And that is your personal need, sir!

BIBLE VERSE



The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
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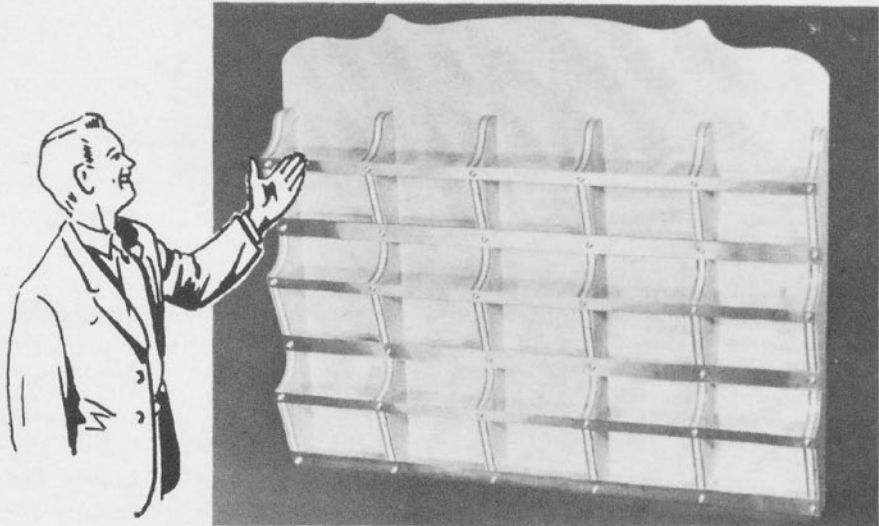
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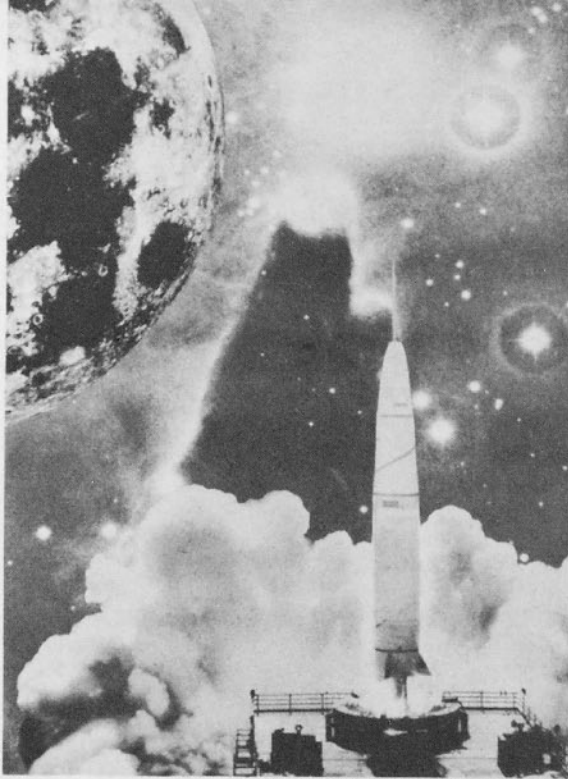


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The World of TOMORROW

By James Eastman

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THE DARKEST HOUR THIS WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN IS fast approaching. Already the ominous shadows of Armageddon creep across the earth. The mutterings of anarchy, the rumblings of revolution, the collision of nations, the conflict of souls, are but the prophecy of doom in the world of tomorrow.

The four horsemen of Revelation are mounted and await their cue to ride roughshod across the earth spreading sorrow and destruction and death. Evil forces work so rapidly that we are constantly in the throes of some crisis. One need not be a prophet to observe the breath-taking events that hurl us toward inevitable conflict in the world of tomorrow.

Someone has said that in tomorrow's world there will be "no emotion except fear, rage, triumph, and self-abasement. Everything else we will destroy—everything! The barriers of time-honored thoughts and habits are crumbling. We have cut the link between child and parent, between man and man, between husband and wife. In the era of tomorrow, no one will trust his wife, child, or friend; nor will they trust him. For there will be no wives and no friends. Children will be taken from their mothers at birth, as one takes eggs from a hen. . . . There will be no loyalty except loyalty to some party or brotherhood, no laughter except the laugh of triumph over a defeated foe. There will be no art, no literature, and no science. There will be no distinction between beauty and ungodliness."

The Bible describes men of these last days as fierce, traitors, jealous, proud, heady, high-minded, despisers, violent, hateful, and restless as the raging seas. "The

mystery of iniquity doth already work," and it is stirring the world to revolt. The coming chaos will be highlighted by sadistic killings; men for the sheer joy of murder shall kill, being energized by demon powers. Unparalleled fear will stalk the fields, villages, and cities, chilling the hearts of men.

Men's hearts are even now failing them for fear—fear of the things that shall come today and tomorrow. The accumulated yesterdays and the fearful tomorrows are driving men insane. Afraid of economic collapse, afraid of racial conflicts, afraid of trade wars, afraid of world wars; they are frustrated, depressed, trapped. It is this fear that will trigger another full-scale war.

In the world of tomorrow love will wither before hatred as a mist before the burning sun. Sin will reach its climax; industry will complete its tower of Babel; war will become a god to be worshiped even while it is feared. The powers of Satan and the powers of earth will be joined against the powers of God and His Christ. In this world where *power* is the watchword, sorrows will reach their zenith, evil will be crystallized, apostasy will be complete, and contempt for Christ will be terrible in its expression.

Even now, nations long dormant stagger from the tomb of the past and the impatient hands of nationalism tear at the binding graveclothes, while the winds of prophecy blow across human spirits, drawing them toward the vortex in the Middle East where the final battle will be fought—tomorrow.

But the picture is not totally dark. While the world rushes headlong to its own destruction and godless men destroy themselves by greed and lust and hate, the hope of the Christian remains as bright as ever. The Lord Jesus accurately described this present time and the fearful days ahead, then said, "When these things begin to come to pass, then *look up*, and lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:28).

The child of God looks beyond the chaotic tomorrow of this earth toward the dawning of God's tomorrow with new heavens and a new earth. The Christian does not panic as he contemplates the future, for his future does not depend upon *the world of tomorrow*. His destiny lies *beyond* tomorrow in an eternity with God.

"Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man" (Luke 21:36).

We are told by men of the world today that *tomorrow* a madman's word, an accident of timing, or a misunderstood order may precipitate the final conflict. But *today* is the day of salvation. The Lord Jesus stands with nailscarred hands outstretched and above the noise of strife. He calls to every man and woman, "Come unto me—and I will give you rest." Not yet has the door closed nor the day of mercy ended. Against the gathering clouds of tribulation the mercy of God still shines. Christ died that you might live; He bridged the gulf that you might pass from death to eternal life.

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). *Today* is the day of salvation for all; *now* is the accepted time. *Today* the Spirit and the Bride say, "Come."

"How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" (Hebrews 2:3). ◀◀